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The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse
Clerk
South Carolina Supreme Court
P.O. Box 11330
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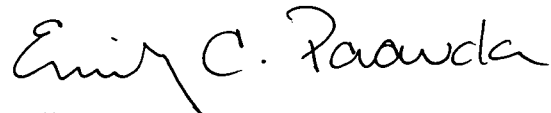
Re: *William H. Bell, Jr. v. State of South Carolina*, 03-CP-04-1857

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

Pursuant to *In re Stays of Execution in Capital Cases*, 321 S.C. 544, 471 S.E.2d 140 (1996), I am writing to report on the status of the above-referenced capital post-conviction relief case. A hearing was scheduled to begin on December 29, 2015, but the judge has recently notified the parties that the hearing will likely be rescheduled for January 2016.

If you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,



Emily C. Paavola