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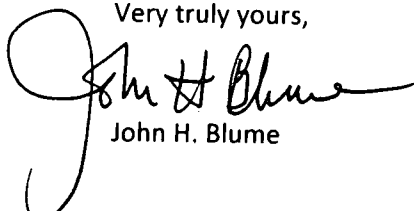
Re: *Bobby Wayne Stone v. State of South Carolina*  
Appellate Case No, 2013-001968

Dear Mr. Shearhouse:

On December 29, 2015 Ms. Paavola, Mr. Simon and I received a letter signed by Debbie Hopkins (copy attached), informing us that the argument in the above captioned matter would be scheduled for either February 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> of 2016. As lead counsel for Mr. Stone, I am writing to request that the case be continued to the March 2016 term because I am not available on the 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> of February. I currently reside in Ithaca, NY where I teach at Cornell Law School. On the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of February I have classes and other administrative responsibilities as Director of Clinical, Advocacy and Skills Programs that prevent me from traveling to South Carolina. However, in reviewing the Court's argument calendar, I saw that oral arguments are scheduled for March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of 2016. I would be available to participate in an oral argument on any of those dates as that is during our spring break. Furthermore, as I am representing Mr. Stone *pro bono*, and planned to be in the state during that time frame on other business, it would also avoid extra travel expenditures

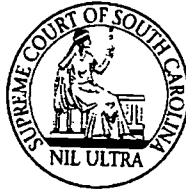
I thank The Court in advance for the consideration of this request.

Very truly yours,

  
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Dear Counsel:

This case will be considered during the February 2016 term of Court. The Court will hold arguments on February 9 and 10. Please be advised we are respectfully requesting these dates be held open for oral arguments in this matter.

You will be notified at a later date of the exact date and time of oral argument in this matter.

Very truly yours,

*Debbie M. Hopkins*

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