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The Honorable Jenny A. Kitchings
Clerk, South Carolina Court of Appeals
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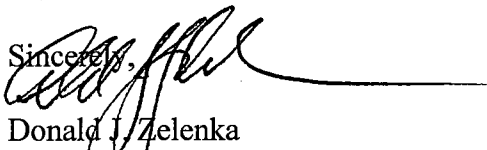
RE: State v. Brandon D. Adams
Appellate Case No: 2016-000090
Greenville murder conviction - 2013-GS-23-05553, 5554, 5556.
Informal Return to Motion to Be Relieved As Counsel

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

I am in receipt of your office's January 20, 2016 request that I make a return to trial counsel Ivan J. Toney's motion to withdraw as counsel in this Greenville County murder appeal. The motion to be relieved was filed simultaneously with the notice of appeal. Mr. Toney states he was directed to file the appeal by his client and that he has not been retained for this appeal as the reason for the motion.

In lieu of a formal return, Respondent takes no position on whether counsel Toney is relieved as counsel as long as SCACR Rule 602 (e) is complied with by counsel to insure continuing representation in the appeal for Mr. Adams, unless he desires to proceed pro se which is not indicated in the motion.

Sincerely,


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