

September 17, 2012

The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse
Clerk
South Carolina Supreme Court
P.O. Box 11330
Columbia, S.C. 29211


Re: *Louis M. Winkler v. State of South Carolina, 2011-CP-26-03907*

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. Mr. John Mills, Esq. and I were appointed to serve as Mr. Winkler's post-conviction counsel. An evidentiary hearing took place on June 18-21, 2012. The PCR Court entered an order granting sentencing phase relief on August 15, 2012.

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

Sincerely yours,


Emily C. Paavola

cc: John Mills, Esq.

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