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The Honorable Jenny Abbot Kitchings
Clerk of Court
South Carolina Court of Appeals
Post Office Box 111629
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RE: Gene F. Bunton, Sr.; Randolph L. Bunton, Sr.; and Mary Elizabeth B. Breland;
Appellants v. Lois Blackwelder, Respondent, Case No. 2015-002235

Dear Madame Clerk:

By Order filed February 11, 2016, this Court remanded this case to the Colleton County Court of Common Pleas for the reconstruction of the record. This Court ordered me to contact Respondent's counsel and the Honorable Doyet A. Early, III within ten days to schedule such hearings as Judge Early deems appropriate. This Court also required me to provide an update to you within 15 days of the date of this Order.

Pursuant to this Court's Order, I am writing to inform you that Judge Early convened a hearing in Barnwell County on February 23, 2016 to determine the timeline for the reconstruction hearing.

Counsel for both parties attended and relayed that we are working on a settlement of this matter, which would dispose of the need for a reconstruction hearing and the appeal. I provided a written settlement agreement to Respondent's counsel.

Judge Early ordered that the parties had thirty days – until March 24, 2016 – to execute a settlement agreement. If the parties do not reach an agreement, they have fifteen days (until April 8, 2016) to determine which of the relevant events that occurred at the trial may be agreed upon by stipulation. If a stipulation is not possible for a particular event; e.g. if a witness's testimony must be recreated before the judge, or if the arguing of a motion must be recreated, Judge Early will schedule the reconstruction hearing as soon as possible after April 8, 2016.

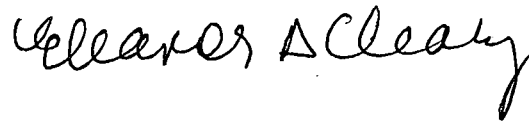
Please let me know if this is acceptable to the Court.

The Honorable Jenny Abbot Kitchings

February 24, 2016

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Sincerely,



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