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APPEAL FROM THE APPELLATE PANEL OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
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SC Court of Appeals

W.C.C. File No.: 1202545

SCOTT LEDFORD, Employee, Appellant,

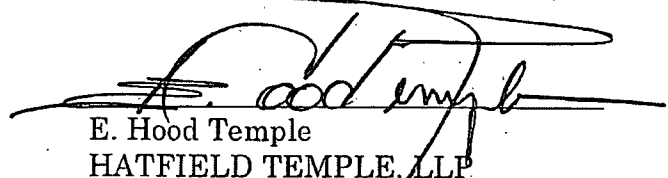
-vs.-

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, Employer,
and STATE ACCIDENT FUND, Carrier, Respondent.

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Scott Ledford appeals the decision of the Appellate Panel of the South Carolina Workers' Compensation Commission dated February 22, 2016 denying the Appellant's Petition for a Rehearing. The Appellant received a copy of the decision on February 24, 2016. The grounds of appeal are:

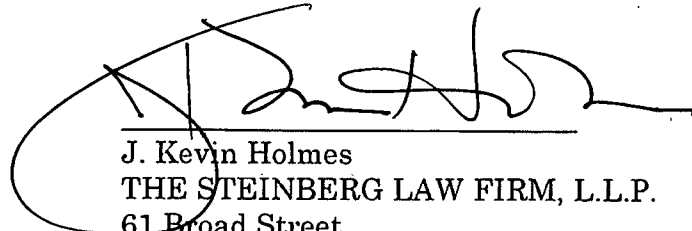
1. The Appellate Panel committed an error of law in finding and ruling there was no evidence the Hearing Commissioner violated the Code of Judicial Conduct by threatening the Appellant with criminal prosecution unless he settled his claim on grossly unfair terms.
2. The Appellate Panel committed an error of law in failing to find that the Hearing Commission should have recused herself.
3. The Appellate Panel committed an error of law in failing to rule the Hearing Commissioner did not have authority to overrule Commissioner Roche's unappealed findings of fact and ruling of law in the change of condition claim in W.C.File No.: 1009581.
4. The Appellate Panel's adoption of the Hearing Commission's findings of fact insinuating the Appellant is a liar who should be prosecuted for insurance fraud because he owns and operates a lawn care are unsupported by substantial evidence, based on speculation, and defamatory.



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and

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Kevin Holmes", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

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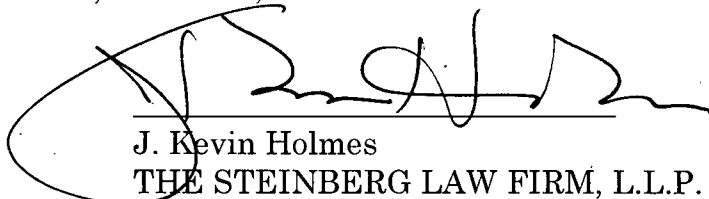
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PROOF OF SERVICE

I certify that I have served the Notice of Appeal on the Respondents by depositing a copy of it in the United States Mail, postage prepaid on March __, 2016, addressed to their attorney of record, Sarah S. Alphin, Wilson, Jones, Carter & Baxley, P.A., 4500 Ft. Jackson Blvd., Columbia, South Carolina 29209.

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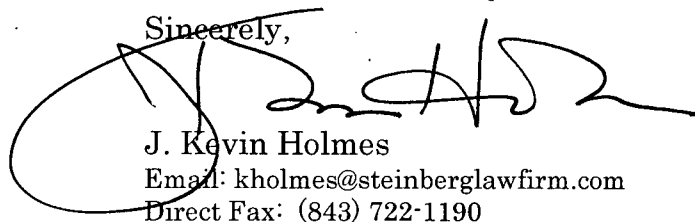
Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Enclosed for filing is a Notice of Appeal in the above case. Also enclosed are
the following:

- (1) Proof of Service of the Notice of Appeal on the Respondents.
- (2) A copy of the Order which is to be challenged on appeal.
- (3) A filing fee of \$100.00.

The Appellant has already received copies of required transcripts.

Sincerely,



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