



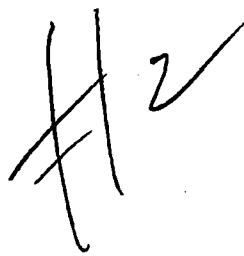


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SC Court of Appeals

The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings  
Clerk, S.C. Court of Appeals  
Post Office Box 11629  
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Re: State v. Darrell E. Raines – Appellate Case No. 2016-000142

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

On April 7, 2016, I requested that the time limits for filing Mr. Raines' initial brief of appellant and designation of matter be held in abeyance pending remand of his case to the circuit court for resentencing on a lesser charge. On April 26, 2016, Judge Hocker issued an order vacating Mr. Raines' conviction for possession of a weapon during the commission of a violent crime. A copy of the order is enclosed herewith.

Accordingly, I respectfully request that Mr. Raines' case be taken out of abeyance. By our calculations, resetting the time limit in which to initial brief and designation 30 days from April 26, 2016, gives us a due date of May 26, 2016. If this is not accurate, please contact me at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

John H. Strom  
Appellate Defender

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Enclosure

cc: Donald J. Zelenka, Esq.