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V. Claire Allen  
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Re: John Alden Bauer, III v. Beaufort Co. Sch. Dist.  
Appellate Case No. 2016-000955

Dear Ms. Allen:

I am wondering about the timeline for the Record on Appeal. I am guessing that the decisions to my Motion For Expedited Ruling, etc., will affect the Record significantly, but I worry about being late. A favorable ruling on the Motion would save tens of thousands of pages, hundreds of hours of labor, and days of hearings.

I realize that much of my recent Reply and other filings allege errors and violations of law by attorneys for the Respondent, especially David Duff who now represents the Respondent, thereby adding to his multiple hats in this case. I surmise that normally a Motion to Disqualify might have been appropriate, except that I offered such a motion at the lower court and the Honorable Marvin H. Dukes III denied the motion with hardly a glance, and a refusal to look at the evidence. I am guessing that it is routine to give established attorneys great latitude. Again, a favorable ruling on my Motion would simplify those unnecessary complexities.

Very truly yours,



John Alden Bauer, III

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