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Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings, Clerk of Court
South Carolina Court of Appeals
1015 Sumter Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

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SC Court of Appeals

Re: *State v. Robert Antonio Guinyard (Case No. 2014-001203)*
State v. Courtney S. Thompson (Case No. 2014-001198)

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

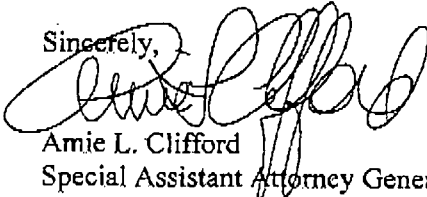
I am writing in regard to the above-referenced cases (involving jointly tried co-defendants) that are apparently going to be set for argument before the Court in March (I represent the State in these cases as a volunteer with the Attorney General's Office and have been designated a Special Assistant Attorney General). Since I wrote the Court on December 19 to say that, at that time, I had no conflicts with the possible oral argument dates in March, a conflict has developed and I am writing to ask, if possible, that the oral arguments in these cases be scheduled for the week of March 14.

My employer, the South Carolina Commission on Prosecution Coordination, conducts an annual five-day training program for new prosecutors with the Solicitors' Association of South Carolina, Inc., for which I am primarily responsible. Last Thursday, the contract was signed setting this year's program for March 6 - 10 in North Charleston.

If the oral arguments need to be held the week of March 6, I would ask that, if possible, they not be set on Monday and, on whichever day they are set, that they are scheduled to be the first and second arguments so that I can minimize the time I am away from the training in North Charleston.

I apologize for any inconvenience my request may cause, and I thank you for your consideration in this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (803) 832-8275.

Sincerely,



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