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**SC Court of Appeals**

The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings  
Clerk of Court of Appeals  
PO Box 11629  
Columbia, SC 29211

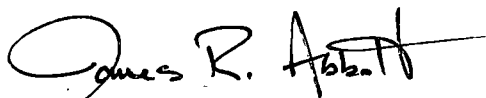
Re: James R. Abbott v Michele Blank  
Appellate Case No. 2014-002751

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

In regard to the above, and to your correspondence filed January 5, 2017, I request a delay in serving and filing an amended designation of matter until I receive a response from the Commission on Judicial Conduct, Jody W. Gilham, administrative assistant (803) 734-1965.

I believe that the legal process involving this case has been tainted by judicial misconduct and, if so, renders the entire process subject to debate, dispute, uncertainty, and not admitting of a final decision.

With kind regards, I am  
Yours truly,



James R. Abbott  
Appellant

cc: Edward A. Bertele, Esquire  
Jody W. Gilham, Administrative Assistant, Commission on Judicial Conduct

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Jody W. Gilham, Administrative Assistant  
Commission on Judicial Conduct  
PO Box 12159  
Columbia, SC 29211

Re: James R. Abbott v Michele Blank  
Appellate Case No. 2014-002751

Dear Ms. Gilham:

In regard to the above, enclosed please find one (1) copy of the Final Brief of the Appellant and the Index of Principle Matters. Also, an email request from me to the South Carolina State Ethics Commission and their response.

I firmly believe this legal matter has been tainted by judicial misconduct, in particular communications between a sheriff's deputy, a magistrate, and a county judge outside the presence of myself or my attorney. Robert G. Howe was retained by me at the beginning of this legal dispute but was fired after failing to have Blank arrested.

I firmly believe the deputy sheriff was influenced by Frampton Durban in rendering his decision not to arrest Blank.

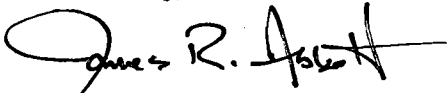
I also firmly believe that the magistrate accepted a gratuity from Frampton Durban, Jr. in return for a favorable verdict for his client Michele Blank.

Durban passed an envelope to JC Nicholson at the bench prior to my first county court appeal. I wasn't privy to those contents, and I wasn't allowed to speak at the appeal and Nicholson ruled against me immediately before an abrupt dismissal.

All these points have been addressed in my appeal to the State Court with supporting documents but the state court has ruled that these events are irrelevant to the appeal.

I leave this matter in your hands.

Yours truly,



James R. Abbott  
Appellant

cc: Edward A. Bertele, Esquire  
Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings

**RE: Corruption in Charleston County magistrate and  
county court**

January 27, 2017 2:19 PM

From: [Michael Burchstead](#)

To: [account update](#)

Thanks for contacting the Ethics Commission. The Ethics Commission's jurisdiction is limited to the applicability of the State Ethics Act, S.C. Code §2-17-10; 8-13-100. Your concerns fall outside of the scope of the Ethics Act. You may want to try the S.C. Commission on Judicial Conduct, if you have not already. Sorry I cannot be of more help.

Michael  
Michael R. Burchstead  
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**From:** [account update](mailto:account update) [<mailto:abbottconstruction@tds.net>]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 23, 2017 9:29 AM  
**To:** Burchstead, Michael  
**Subject:** Corruption in Charleston County magistrate and county court

I have been involved with a legal dispute in Charleston County for 4 years. I am representing myself (pro se) and my plaintiff has lawyers. The first one was suspended, Frampton Durban after I sent my final brief on the appeal to the state court. She now has a second, Edward Bertele. The case started when she wrote a \$10,000 check from my business account after I dismissed her from my employment. The bank said I could arrest her and so did my original counsel, Bobby Howe. He showed me the statute. However, she was never arrested even after I fired Howe and formally complained to the sheriff. The magistrate court erred twice (Henry Guerard) and the county court was blatantly unethical in the first hearing (J.C. Nicholson). I strongly suspect bribery in the magistrate court and just poor judgment in the county court. Nicholson dismissed his Clerk of Court and court reporter to issue his verdict after Durban passed him an envelope in open court, then didn't allow me to say a thing. That is reported by the court reporter later when I asked for a transcript. Do you handle such matters?

Thank you,

Jimmy Abbott

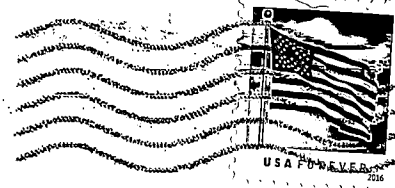
P.S. The case is now Appellate Case No. 2016-000712 to the South Carolina Court of Appeals



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