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The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings
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SC Court of Appeals

Re: Crystal D. McLean vs. Francis Marion University
Civil Action No. 2016-CP-21-1993

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

I am in receipt of the Court's March 2, 2017 correspondence concerning the time for requesting of the transcript in this matter having expired. As my cover correspondence accompanying the *Notice of Appeal* in this matter, dated February 9, 2017, indicated:

The Appellant in this case, Ms. McLean, is in the process of obtaining an attorney to represent her on this appeal. However, as trial counsel, she directed me to file the Notice of Appeal **and go ahead and request the transcript of the hearing in order to preserve her rights to appeal.** She has been instructed to have her new counsel notify both the Court and the Respondent of their involvement upon retention.

Pursuant to Ms. McLean's directions, my office did request the transcript in this matter. *See attached email thread dated February 9, 2017.* My office actually received a copy of the transcript via hand delivery from the court reporter on February 13, 2017. Via correspondence dated February 13, 2017 and mailed USPS that same day, we forwarded Ms. McLean notice that the transcript had been received by our office. We subsequently emailed her an electronic copy of that correspondence and a .pdf of the transcript the next day, February 14, 2017, explaining we would have a copy of her file and the hard copy of the transcript ready for her appellate counsel as soon as such counsel contacted our office or made an appearance.

Subsequent email correspondence from Ms. McLean confirmed she received the February 14, 2017 email with the .pdf of the transcript. At her request, my office sent her a hard copy of the transcript via correspondence dated February 28, 2017. A copy of that correspondence was also sent via email that same day. In the February 28, 2017 correspondence, I notified Ms. McLean of the time deadline by which her initial brief would be due pursuant to Rule 208 of the South Carolina Rules of Appellate Procedure. Specifically, I noticed her that her initial brief was due within thirty (30) days of the receipt of the transcript, which was received by our office on February 13, 2017 (although I noted out of abundance of caution I would operate as if the thirty days ran from the date the Court of Appeals received the *Notice of Appeal*, which was February 10, 2017).

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I am unaware of whether or not Ms. McLean has obtained representation for her appeal.

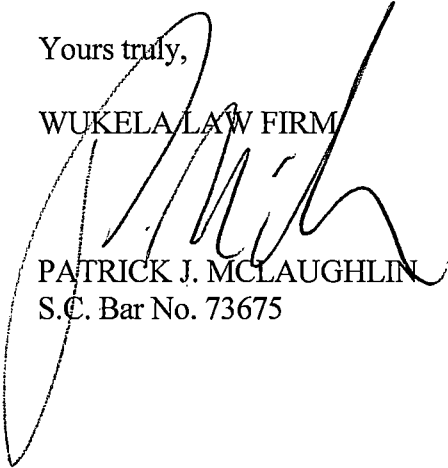
Pursuant to telephone conversations with your office today, it is my understanding that the Court will accept this correspondence and the accompanying email to document for the Court that the transcript was timely requested and the date the transcript was received.

I will also be sending a *Motion to be Relieved* subsequently so that I will no longer be listed as attorney of record for Ms. McLean's appeal. By courtesy correspondence, I am notifying both opposing counsel and Ms. McLean of this communication with the Court.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. If you need any further information from me, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

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Sue Cox

From: Smith, Krystal J. <krsmith@sccourts.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2017 2:43 PM
To: Sue Cox
Subject: Re: Re: Crystal D. McLean vs. Francis Marion University

Okay. Order received. Seven days.

(I had oral surgery yesterday so I am home for a few days.)

Krystal

From: Sue Cox <scox@wukelalaw.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 9, 2017 2:40 PM
To: Smith, Krystal J.
Subject: FW: Re: Crystal D. McLean vs. Francis Marion University

Krystal,

Patrick would like this transcript expedited. We will put our check in the mail today for the estimated cost of \$191.25.
Re: the transcript from the January 5, 2017 hearing with Judge Nettles
regarding Re: Crystal D. McLean vs. Francis Marion University
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From: Smith, Krystal J. [<mailto:krsmith@sccourts.org>]
Sent: Monday, February 06, 2017 12:14 PM
To: Sue Cox
Subject: Re: Re: Crystal D. McLean vs. Francis Marion University

?Hello -

It appears that would be about 45 pages or \$146.25 regular 60-day rate. If you want it 7-day expedited, it would be about \$191.25. That it an estimate. It could be a few pages less or a few pages more.

Krystal

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