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SC Court of Appeals

The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings
Clerk of Court, The South Carolina Court of Appeals
Post Office Box 11629
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Re: *Benjamin C. Gecy v. Somerset Point at Lady's Island HOA, et al*
Appellate Case No. 2016-001113
Insured: Coosaw Investments
Claim No.: 72-1818-2013

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

We received the Court's letter dated March 7, 2017, requesting a response to Robert Mathison's letter/motion dated March 1, 2017, seeking an eleventh extension to file Appellants' initial brief.

Appellant has filed ten prior motions/requests for extensions to filing the initial brief and appendix pushing the due date of the initial brief from October 5, 2016, to beyond March 8, 2017. There has been a delay of over five months in resolving this appeal - which the Appellants lodged. Our clients believe that the Court's prior orders, and the Court's prior correspondence with Mr. Mathison, speak for themselves. In particular, the Court's order dated February 15, 2017, which states that "the appellants' initial brief and designation of matter must be served and filed no later than March 1, 2017, or the appeal will be dismissed, subject to reinstatement for good cause shown." (emphasis added).

We are sympathetic to Mr. Mathison's situation, which he acknowledges was a result of his "own undoing", but do not believe the same constitutes good cause shown. Appellants failed to file their initial brief within the time frame Ordered by the Court, therefore, pursuant to the Court's prior Order, the appeal should be dismissed.

Additionally, the South Carolina Bar's website indicates that Mr. Mathison is still administratively suspended from the practice of law as of the date of this letter, and we are not aware of any new counsel appearing on behalf of Appellants.

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Should the Court have any questions, or need any further information, please let us know.

Sincerely,

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