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April 17, 2017

The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse  
Clerk of Court of South Carolina Supreme Court  
Post Office Box 11330  
Columbia, South Carolina 29211-1330

RE: Israel Wilds, 274010 v. State of South Carolina; 2003-CP-40-05973.  
Appellate Case No: 2008-092411

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

I had a conversation this morning with Linda over at the Court concerning my payment request on this case. I realized after speaking with her that I probably should have asked for directions on how to bill this case before I sent it over. I have had this case for a very long time, and it has a very tangled and confusing procedural history. This Post-Conviction Relief appeal arises from a murder case that I won in the Circuit Court. After the State filed its appeal, I filed a cross-appeal. After the initial Certiorari Petitions were filed, this case was transferred to the Court of Appeals. I received notice of transfer on March 11, 2010. Certiorari was granted, briefs were filed and oral arguments were held. I received notice that the Court of Appeals had granted Certiorari on May 9, 2012. After I prevailed in the Court of Appeals, the State's Petition for Rehearing was denied, and they sought Certiorari in the Supreme Court. Once again, Certiorari was granted, the case was briefed and oral arguments were held before an Order was issued dismissing the Writ as improvidently granted. Therefore, my SCCID bill will include time for work done for the Supreme Court initially, work done when the case was in the Court of Appeals after transfer and then work when the case was back before your Court.

If the Court would prefer that I separate out the time for the Court of Appeals, I will certainly be glad to do that. My only initial concern is the fact that I only have one case number for this appeal and don't know how to go about submitting separate vouchers to SCCID. If that is what the Court directs, I will certainly be happy to ask SCCID to advise me how the appeal can be set up for separate payment on the work done in the two different courts. Just let me know. To be honest, since this case started out of the Supreme Court, and ultimately ended there, it never occurred to me to separate this into two bills.

Linda also mentioned the fact that she *did not* believe, based on her experience, that the Supreme Court would pay my expenses on this court-appointment. I have done many such appeals for the court and have never had all my expenses declined. I have not billed for paralegal or secretarial time. I am aware of the court's position with regard to such expenses. I have provided very detailed

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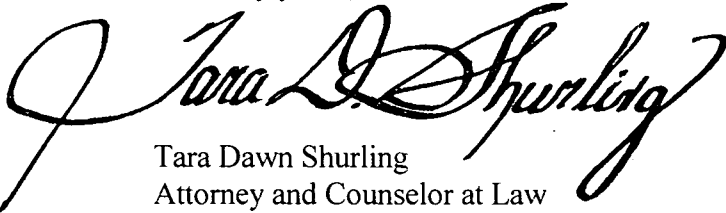
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records concerning the expenses claimed. Please let me know if you need any additional information regarding my expenses.

Thank you so much for helping figure out how to handle this payment request. I hate to impose on your busy schedule, but very much appreciate your assistance. I look to hear from you if you need any additional information or if the Court would like me to submit proposed orders. I remain,

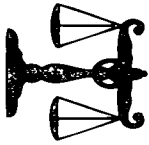
Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tara Dawn Shurling". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'T'.

Tara Dawn Shurling  
Attorney and Counselor at Law

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cc: Hugh Ryan, Deputy Director, SCCID



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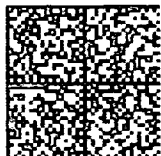
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