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Via email to GJHopkins@SCCourts.org

Ms. Hopkins  
S.C. Supreme Court  
Columbia, SC

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Re: **Starnes vs. State (2011-191878)**  
**Request for Protection**

Dear Ms. Hopkins:

Thank you for our conversation earlier today regarding the schedule for oral arguments in this case. Please be advised I will be leaving South Carolina on December 13, 2012 for medical treatment and will not be returning until or about February 11, 2013. It is entirely possible I will be limited to bed rest until mid-March of 2013. For these reasons, I ask that oral arguments not be scheduled until mid-March.

I have already discussed this schedule with Christine Catoe, who is scheduled to leave for maternity leave sometime in January 2013. I believe she will be ready to return to work close in time to my schedule.

Should you require any additional information from me, please feel free to contact me at 803.256.6661 x3. While I am gone, my phone service will forward my business calls to my room effective December 18, 2012 so those communications will not be interrupted. While my mail is going to be forwarded to me weekly, the USPS has become routinely unreliable for timely deliveries so it would be greatly appreciated if any written correspondence could also be sent to me by email at [Rachael@AttorneyDain.com](mailto:Rachael@AttorneyDain.com), which I should be able to review daily.

Thanking you in advance,



Rachael A. Dain

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