



State of South Carolina  
The Circuit Court of the First Judicial Circuit

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S.C. SUPREME COURT

Re: State of South Carolina v. Steven Barnes  
Capital Retrial Ind. Nos. 2005-GS-19-00457 and 00273

Dear Mr. Shearhouse:

On Friday, July 7, 2017 Solicitor Hubbard withdrew notice of the death penalty in the above case and served notice of an intention to seek a penalty of life without possibility of parole. This trial has been scheduled for October 8<sup>th</sup>. I bring this to the Courts attention so that the Court may consider whether it wishes me to try this case or vacate my appointment because the case is no longer a capital one. Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Diane S. Goodstein".

Honorable Diane S. Goodstein