

**APPELLANT'S PETITION FOR REHEARING
OF FEBRUARY 09, 2017 ORDER**

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

APPEAL FROM RICHLAND COUNTY
COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

LEE S. ALFORD; CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE
LOWER COURT CASE NO. 2015-CP-40-05732
APPELLATE CASE NO. 2016-002453

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SC Court of Appeals

GEORGE CLEVELAND, III.....APPELLANT

v.

BRYAN P. STIRLING, et., al.....RESPONDENT

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PETITION FOR REHEARING

MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT: George Cleveland, III, proceeding prose, respectfully submits to this Court to Rehear the Feb 09, 2017 Order inasmuch as this Court denied my Motion to Proceed *In Forma Pauperis* under *Ex Parte Martin*, 321 S.C. 533, 471 S.E. 2d. 134 (1995) as this case conflicts with the Supreme Court of the United States holdings under *Bounds v. Smith* 430 U.S. 819, 97 S.ct. 1491 U.S. N.C. (1977) because the Supreme Court's holding required this Court to allow my Appeal in this Court to proceed "without payment of docket fee," *id.*, at 820, at 1495.

ARGUMENT

**THIS COURT OVERLOOKED THE LEGAL REQUIREMENT BY THE
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES TO WAIVE THIS COURT'S
FILING FEE UNDER *BOUNDS v. SMITH***

This Court wrote: "Appellant has filed a motion, which this Court construes as a motion to proceed in *forma pauperis*. The motion to proceed in *forma pauperis* is denied pursuant to *Ex Parte Martin*, 321 S.C. 533, 1471 S.E. 2d. 134 (1995). R.p. 1, is without authority because the *Bounds* court, *id.*, reasoned:

"in order to prevent 'effectively foreclosed access,' indigent prisoners must be allowed to file Appeals.... without payment of docket fees..." *id.*, at 822, at 1495. R.pp. 2-3. This court overlooked the principle of law under the *Bounds* court

which provides me with the federal right to Appeal the lower Court's erroneous decision without the paying of the docket fee; accordingly, this Court overlooked the legal principle under the *Bounds* court. *IBID*.

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CONCLUSION

3-1 WHEREFORE; GRANT this PETITION FOR REHEARING;

3-2 ORDER additional BRIEFING if it pleases this Court correlated with the REHEARING PETITION.

3-3 Consider all other Motions on the Docket in this case.

3-4 ORDER any additional relief this Court deems just, proper, and/ or impartial.

Respectfully Submitted,

s/


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DATED: July 12, 2017

1. R.F. 1
APPELLANT'S BOUNDS V. SMITH MOTION:

MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT, George Cleveland ~~III~~
Proceeding pro se, respectfully request this court
to GRANT MY MOTION TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERE
Under BOUNDS V. SMITH 430 U.S. 819, 97 S. Ct. 1491, 0-
N.C. (1977) on the following grounds:

I LACK THE FUNDS FOR THE \$100.00 FILING FEE.

2.
ARGUMENT
BOUNDS V. SMITH REQUIRES
APPELLATE REVIEW WITHOUT PAYMENT
OF DOCKET FEES:

The Supreme Court of the United States held
under BOUNDS V. SMITH 430 U.S. 817, 97 S. Ct. 1491 (1977)

"... Recent decisions have struck down restrictions
AND required remedial measures to insure that
inmate access to the court is adequate effective,
AND meaningful, thus in order to prevent 'effectively
foreclosed access' indigent prisoners must be

3 Allowed to file Appeals ... without payment of docket-fees" ... id, At 822 At 1495. R.P. 3

Bonds understands inmates without the means to earn money in prison, cannot have inadequate, ineffective, and meaningless access to the courts to file an appeal. There is not a penny in my prison trust-fund-account. R.P. 1. There are large numbers of folks in poverty in our state, e.g.:

531,000 papers on Medicaid in South Carolina because these folks live at or below the federal poverty limit. R.P. 2-3.

Over 80 papers held at the Sumter-Lee county Detention Center for falling behind on child support payments. R.P. 4. ACLU of S.C.; Fall of 2015 Newsletter.

21% of Americans are eligible for Legal Aid from the Legal Services Corporation. R.P. 5, 2013

1. Congress created Legal Services Corporation Act 4 to provide equal access to the system of justice
2.

LEGAL MAIL

R.P. 1

The South Carolina Court of Appeals

George Cleveland III #357770, Appellant,

v.

Bryan P. Stirling and Willie Eagleton, Respondents.

Appellate Case No. 2016-002453

The Honorable Lee S. Alford
Richland County
Trial Court Case No. 2015CP4005732

ORDER

Appellant has failed to provide the notice of appeal filing fee, as required by Rule 203 of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules and this Court's order dated February 9, 2017. Accordingly, this appeal is dismissed. The remittitur will be sent as provided by Rule 221(b), SCACR.

FOR THE COURT

BY V. Claire Alder, Deputy
CLERK

Columbia, South Carolina

cc:
George Cleveland, III
James Rufus Bratton, III, Esquire

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June 7, 2017 S.S.

R.P. 1

The South Carolina Court of Appeals

George Cleveland III #357770, Appellant,

v.

Bryan P. Stirling and Willie Eagleton, Respondents.

Appellate Case No. 2016-002453

ORDER

Appellant has filed a motion, which this court construes as a motion to proceed *in forma pauperis*. The motion to proceed *in forma pauperis* is denied pursuant to *Ex parte Martin*, 321 S.C. 533, 471 S.E.2d 134 (1995). The filing fee must be paid within fifteen days of the date of this order.


FOR THE COURT

Columbia, South Carolina

cc:
George Cleveland, III, #357770
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February 9, 2017

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APPLEANT'S PROOF OF SERVICE

I, George Cleveland, III, certifies that on the date below, I served on the Respondent's Counsel of Record my **Petition for Rehearing, and supporting Appendix** with proper prepaid postage, and properly addressed to the following:

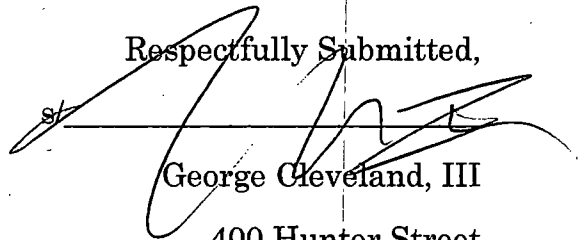
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Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George Cleveland, III", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

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DATED: July 12, 2017

July 12, 2017

The South Carolina Court of Appeals
Jenny Abbott Kitchings, Clerk of Court
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Columbia, S.C. 29211

Re: George Cleveland, III v. Bryan P. Stirling, et, al, Appellate Case no. 2016-002453; Petition for Rehearing filing.

Dear Ms. Kitchings,

Attached to this letter is my Petition for Rehearing filing. Can you file, and forward to the Court for their consideration?

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