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Re; Ronald Coulter, #300410 v. SCDC;
Appellate Case No. 2017-000909

SC Court of Appeals

Dear Clerk:

I am in receipt of your August 14, 2017 deficiency notice indicating that the required filing fee has not been submitted along with my petition for rehearing. I am, however, confused by this correspondence. During the course of this appellate process, I have submitted multiple motions or petitions to this Court which have been filed without a filing fee. Ultimately, when I file a petition which allows me to preserve, for certiorari, the actions of this Court in this appellate matter, low and behold, a filing fee is required.

I am concerned that this filing fee, all of a sudden, is an effort to eviscerate my opportunity for certiorari in a contested case under the Administrative Procedures Act which challenges the constitutionality of a state statute. In addition, this Court is fully aware that its decision to deny my motion to proceed in forma pauperis, in this action, is not reviewable, without the petition for rehearing, since the Court failed to include this IFP denial in its final order of dismissal.

Am I being required to pay the filing fee because I pointed out, in my petition for rehearing, that this Court's decision to deny my IFP motion appeared to be ambiguous and in direct conflict with a prior decision of the SC Supreme Court?

Or, am I being required to pay the filing fee because I addressed, in that same petition, how this Court improperly entertained a previously filed petition for rehearing before dismissing it pursuant to Rule 221(c), SCACR?

I apologize for any implications of impropriety inferred by

this correspondence. I am simply frustrated by this Court's, as well as the lower court's, refusal to employ the fair, reasonable, and efficient means of addressing administrative matters under the APA, as instructed by the Supreme Court of South Carolina.

I respectfully hope that you construe this letter as one to reinstate the timely filing of my petition for rehearing, without a filing fee.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,



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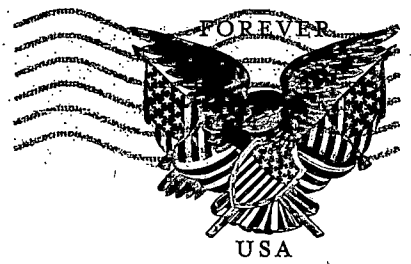
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