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Dear Mr. Shearouse, Ms. Kitchings and Ms. Allen:

Thank you for shepherding my case as a Pro Se litigant while it meandered its way through the Court of Appeals and the South Carolina Supreme Court. There were times early on when I needed to contact the Court for information and you all were more than kind.

I feel very fortunate the arguments I presented in my case were more academic in nature, as opposed to petitioning the Court from, ex., death row (:

I say that because after five years deconstructing the particulars of this matter, I no longer need affirmation the Beaufort Magistrate Court (or magistrate courts in general) cannot hear "Appeals". I know it and more important, as a result of this case, Beaufort County knows it too. Also, during the time my case has been on appeal, information has come to light providing opportunity for redress, which did not exist at the time I originally filed this appeal.

The reason I feel lucky my case was more intellectual in nature is due to my filing as a Pro Se Litigant. I'm of the opinion my arguments/briefs were not given the same consideration as an attorney would have received. And, that several times my arguments were dismissed because of a minor technicality in my brief.

Because of this experience I'm in total agreement with Judge Richard Posner's comments in a recent interview with the New York Times dated September 11, 2017. According to Judge Posner:

The immediate reason for his retirement was less abstract, he said. He had become concerned with the plight of litigants who represented themselves in civil cases, often filing handwritten appeals. Their grievances were real, he said, but the legal system was treating them impatiently, dismissing their cases over technical matters.

"These were almost always people of poor education and often of quite low level of intelligence," he said. "I gradually began to realize that this wasn't right, what we were doing."

In the Seventh Circuit, Judge Posner said, staff lawyers rather than judges assessed appeals from such litigants, and the court generally rubber-stamped the lawyers' recommendations.

I realize my experience is not limited to South Carolina courts; however, it was fortuitous to come across this interview and learn that others have faced the same challenges.

Again, my thanks for your professionalism and courtesy; please know I wish you all the very best.

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Re: Mare Baracco v. Beaufort County
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Dear Ms. Baracco:

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DVD- April 2, 2012 Governmental Meeting (disc is not actual trial court exhibit-
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Date September 19, 2017

Very truly yours,

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