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Hon. Jenny Abbott Kitchings  
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RE: State of South Carolina v. Steven L. Barnes  
Appellate Case No. \_\_\_\_\_ (Filed 10/16/17)  
In the S.C. Court of Appeals  
Edgefield General Sessions Court  
Ind. No.: 2017-GS-19-1788

Dear Ms. Kitchings,

Regarding the above-named appeal, please also note that because the defendant is indigent, the S.C. Office of Appellate Defense has agreed to handle this appeal. Thus, you do not need to include me in any appellate correspondence as I will not be involved in the appeal.

Please let me know if the Court would like for me to file a Motion to be Relieved or for Substitution of Counsel as to the appeal or any other documentation in that regard. It is my understanding that Mr. Dudek's Office of Appellate Defense is now responsible for representing this defendant in the appellate process.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

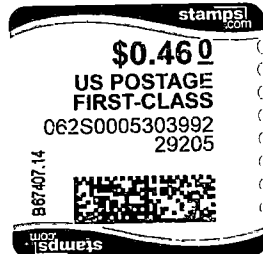
Sincerely,

  
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cc: Robert Dudek, Chief Attorney, S.C. Office of Appellate Defense, OID  
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