

The Supreme Court of South Carolina

Steven L. Barnes, Appellant,

v.

South Carolina Department of Corrections, Respondent.

Appellate Case No. 2017-002505

ORDER

The appeal in this matter is pending before the South Carolina Court of Appeals under Appellate Court Case Number 2017-002505. Petitioner is represented by counsel in this appeal.

By letter dated November 22, 2017, the Clerk of this Court rejected a petition for a writ of mandamus petitioner had filed *pro se* relating to the above appeal. This rejection was based on the cases of *Miller v. State*, 388 S.C. 347, 697 S.E.2d 527 (2010); *Jones v. State*, 348 S.C. 13, 558 S.E.2d 517 (2002); *State v. Stuckey*, 333 S.C. 56, 508 S.E.2d 564 (1998); *Foster v. State*, 298 S.C. 306, 379 S.E.2d 907 (1989).

Petitioner has now filed a motion asking for reconsideration of the rejection of this petition for a writ of mandamus. The request for reconsideration is denied, and the petition for a writ of mandamus is hereby stricken and dismissed under the cases listed above.

Petitioner is reminded that the only motion that he can file related to this matter is a motion to relieve counsel. As long as he is represented by counsel in this matter, any other motion or other document seeking relief above and beyond the relief of counsel will not be accepted by either this Court or the Court of Appeals.

Finally, to the extent that petitioner may be asking this Court to relieve counsel or appoint new counsel, that request is dismissed without prejudice since this relief should be sought in the Court of Appeals rather than in this Court.¹



FOR THE COURT C.J.

Columbia, South Carolina
December 15, 2017

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¹ According to the Appellate Case Management System, petition has filed a motion to relieve and substitute counsel with the Court of Appeals. This motion was received by the Court of Appeals on December 6, 2017.