

December 14, 2012

The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse  
Clerk of Court for the Supreme Court of South Carolina  
1231 Gervais Street  
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

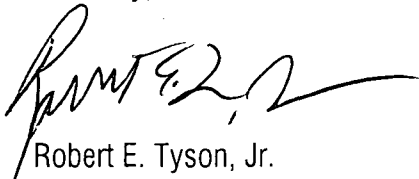
Re: Retha Pierce v. Atlantic Beach May 22, 2012 Election, Horry County Election Commission,  
South Carolina Election Commission, Jake Evans, Charlene Taylor, Josephine Isom, and  
Nikki Haley  
Appellate Case No.: 2012-212914  
Lower Court No.: 2012-CP-26-4404  
Our File No.: 6514/1500

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

Enclosed please find the original and one copy each of a Notice of Appearance of Robert E. Tyson, Jr. and Bess J. DuRant on behalf of Horry County Election Commission and a Proof of Service, regarding the above-referenced matter. Please file as appropriate and return a file-stamped copy to me using the envelope provided.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have, and thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



Robert E. Tyson, Jr.  
RETjr:sec

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Enclosures

cc: Sanford Cox Graves  
J.C. Nicholson III



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Retha Pierce  
Jake Evans  
Josephine Isom  
Charlene Taylor

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APPEAL FROM HORRY COUNTY

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NOTICE OF APPEARANCE

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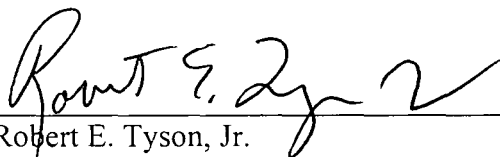
Robert E. Tyson, Jr., of the law firm of Sowell Gray Stepp & Laffitte, hereby gives notice of appearance as counsel of record, along with Bess J. DuRant, on behalf of Respondent Horry County Election Commission, in the above-captioned matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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PROOF OF SERVICE

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I certify that I have served the Notice of Appearance upon Appellant and Respondents by depositing a copy of it in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, on December 14, 2012 addressed as follows:

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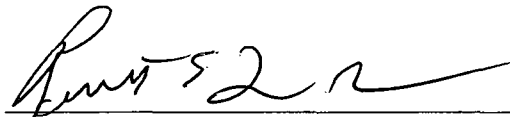
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