

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

APPEAL FROM FLORENCE COUNTY
ROGER L COUCH, CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

Case No. 2016-CP-21-1435

Deborah Harwell, ...Appellant/Respondent,

vs.

Robert Bryan Harwell, Individually,,
And as personal representative of the
Estate of David Harwell, and
South Carolina Department of Health
And Environmental Control, Bureau
Of Vital Statics, ... Defendants,

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P.A. and Deidre W. Edmunds,
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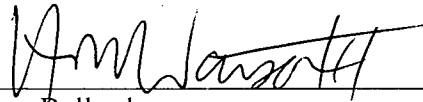
**MOTION TO BE RELIEVED AS COUNSEL FOR APPELLANT AND
MOTION TO STAY PROCEEDINGS**

Desa Ballard and Harvey M. Watson III (hereafter "Law Firm") hereby move this Court
for an order granting permission for Law Firm to withdraw as counsel for Appellant/Respondent
Deborah Harwell (hereafter "Mrs. Harwell") in this action. Law Firm has not been retained to
represent Mrs. Harwell and existing circumstances preclude continuance of the attorney-client

relationship with Mrs. Harwell in this matter. Mrs. Harwell has already begun efforts to secure successor counsel. Nevertheless, Law Firm respectfully requests on behalf of Appellant that this matter be stayed for a period of sixty (60) days to facilitate Mrs. Harwell in securing new counsel and to provide successor counsel with sufficient time to meet applicable deadlines.

Mrs. Harwell has indicated her consent to this relief sought via this motion, and is being served with a copy of this filing.

Respectfully submitted,



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PROOF OF SERVICE

I, Beth Cogan, an employee with Ballard & Watson, do hereby certify that on November 6, 2017, I served a copy of the **Motion to be Relieved as Counsel for Appellant and Motion to Stay Proceedings**, in the above-captioned case on the following individuals by U.S. Mail, with sufficient first-class postage affixed, and addressed as follows:

**The Honorable Doris Poulos O'Hara
Florence County Clerk of Court
180 N. Irby Street MSCE-E
Florence, South Carolina 29501**

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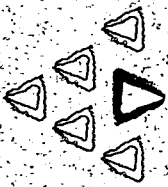
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Via U.S. Mail

The Honorable Jenny Abbot Kitchings
Court of Appeals Clerk of Court
Post Office Box 11629
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Re: *Deborah B. Harwell v. Robert Bryan Harwell, et al.*
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Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Enclosed for filing with your office are multiple documents. First, please find the original and one copy of a Notice of Appeal and Proof of Service for the above-referenced matter, along with a check in the amount of \$100 for the respective filing fee.

Also enclosed are an original and copy of a Motion to be Relieved as Counsel for Appellant and Motion to Stay Proceedings and Proof of Service, along with a separate check in the amount of \$25 for the respective filing fee associated with that motion.

Please clock and return a stamped copy of both the Notice of Appeal as well as the motion for relief in the self-addressed, stamped envelope enclosed.

By copy of this letter and as evidenced by the Proofs of Service, these filings have been served upon counsel for the Appellant/Respondent Bryan Harwell, Appellant/Respondents Edwards. A copy is also filed with the Florence County Clerk of Court. Thank you for your time in this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

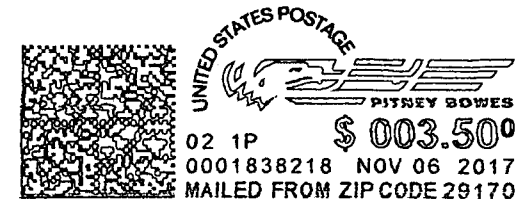
With warm personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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cc: Via U.S. Mail
Honorable Doris Poulos O'Hara

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