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January 18, 2018

V. Claire Allen, Deputy Clerk
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Re: Harold E. Blackwell, Jr. v Miracle Hill Ministries, Inc. Appellate Case No. 2017-002618

Dear Ms. Allen,

I noticed on the website this letter will cross in the mail with your letter informing me that, pursuant to Rule 207, I must order a transcript within 10 days of your letter. Could you please point me to the verbiage in Rule 207 requiring me to file a transcript or have my case dismissed as you claim in your letter dated January 17, 2018. I read the rule, in pertinent part, to say, "Where a transcript must be prepared by a court reporter". I see in Rule 208, that if a transcript is not required the initial brief must be submitted within 30 days of the date of filing the notice of appeal with the clerk. I do not require a transcript to successfully appeal this case. My understanding is the Court of Appeals is required to make its ruling on the same information presented to the lower court plus any new evidence.

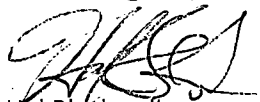
I might add, Ms. Amy Snyder, opposing counsel in the other case I have appealed seems to interpret Rule 207 as I do. She ordered her own transcripts.

Could you cite a case that has been dismissed for failure to file a transcript with the Court of Appeals when the case was dismissed pursuant to Rule 12(b)(6) and the defendants did not answer the complaint?

Does the clerk of court of the South Carolina Court of Appeals have the authority to dismiss my case?

Did opposing counsel or any of his/her representatives or associates contact your office and ask for you to send the letter, reference above, to be mailed to me?

Kindest regards,



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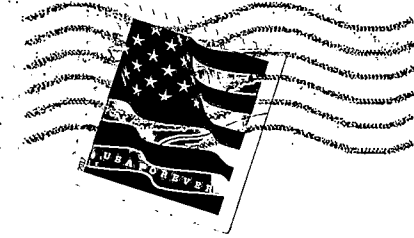
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