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The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings
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**RE: First Citizens Bank and Trust Co., Inc. Respondent
Cornelius J. Beck, Jr. Appellant
Appellate Case No. 2016-000329**

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

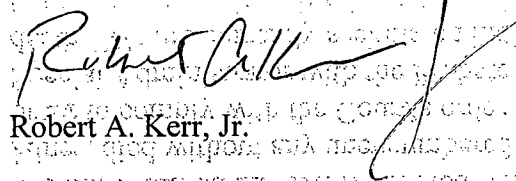
I am providing you and the Court with a status report on this matter. As the Court knows, Dr. Beck passed away on October 21, 2017. In response to our Motion to Dismiss the appeal as moot, the court denied the Motion and remanded the case to the trial court to arrange for a substitution of parties.

We have learned that Dr. Beck died without a will, and according to his estranged wife, Julianna Hines, died without any unencumbered assets. No estate has been opened. Accordingly, in order to comply with the Court's order to substitute parties, we are filing a petition to appoint a Special Administrator with the Probate Court in Georgetown County, the county of Dr. Beck's death. We are currently seeking an individual who will agree to serve in this capacity and hope to have someone identified shortly. We are also filing a Motion under SCRPC 25 with the trial court, requesting that the Special Administrator, once identified and appointed, can step into the shoes of Dr. Beck and protect the rights and interests of his heirs.

Please contact me if you need additional information. We will update the status of this matter within thirty (30) days.

Yours very truly,

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cc: Hon. Ralph Stroman

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