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S.C. Office of Court Administration  
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Re: Transcript in Consolidated appeals 2010-CP-10-5520,

John Doe 2 and Jane Doe 4, John Doe 10, Jane Doe 11,  
John Doe 193, Father Doe 194, John Doe 194, John Doe 245  
and Father Doe 245, and John Doe 297, Appellants

v.

The Bishop of Charleston, a Corporation Sole, Robert Gugliemone, The Bishop Of Charleston, in his official capacity; Rev. Monsignor Martin Laughlin, former Administrator of the Diocese of Charleston, in his official capacity; Robert J. Baker, former Bishop of Charleston, in his official capacity; Lawrence E. Richter, Jr., David K. Haller, and Richter and Haller, LLC., Respondents

Dear Sirs:

I have returned from an absence caused by emergency surgery (on February 2) for a detached retina in one of my eyes and as of February 15, I have the transcript for the hearing in this proceeding.

There has been some confusion about this transcript, all of which seems to have been created by me. Ms. Richardson, the reporter, intended to send me the transcript on November 28, by email of that date. When she sent me that email I was out of state, assisting my wife with, among other things, the medical follow-up for the significant health issues which have

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accompanied her second surgery for cancer. While out of state, I accessed Ms. Richardson's email on my phone, and within two hours of her sending it to me I thanked her for doing so.

When I sent that to Ms. Richardson I had not tried to actually access the transcript so as to make use of the transcript she had tried to send me. That was not something that I effectively could do by phone. When I later tried to actually open the attachments Ms. Richardson had sent me, one of which attachments was apparently the hearing transcript I had requested, I was not able to get at the attachments. I was still out of my office when I attempted that, and so was not surprised that I was not able to download the attachments.

I was not concerned about that problem because I expected that when I returned to the office Ms. Richardson would have also forwarded to me the transcript by mail, and that the paper version would be waiting when I returned from my out of state trip to assist my wife with her medical needs.

What I had forgotten in the face of my wife's medical issues was that when I had acknowledged Ms. Richardson's email using my phone I had told Ms. Richardson that a pdf version of the transcript would be sufficient. Meaning, that by the time I was unable to access the transcript, I had forgotten that I had myself dissuaded Ms. Richardson from sending me the very reminder that I presumed I would get when I returned to the office.

When I returned to my office, I then confused Ms. Richardson's effort with my exchanges with two other court reporters who produced transcripts in other matters now also on appeal.

The end result of this is that it is true both that Ms. Richardson sent me in November what should have gotten me the transcript and that I did not receive it until it arrived in paper form on February 15.

I have plainly underestimated the impact on me of both my wife's cancer surgeries and my own unexpected health issues. Just as plainly, Ms. Richardson cannot be faulted for either of those circumstances. My own emergency eye surgery that took me out of the office occurred just after the court had written me on January 25.

Over the years I have prosecuted a number of appeals to the South Carolina appellate courts. I would hope the court would grant the latitude that my omission as inadvertent, and created by family concerns of unusual gravity.

Now that the transcript is in hand, we would ask that the court permit these consolidated appeals to be reinstated so their merits can be reached for the various clients affected.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gregg Meyers". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "G".

Gregg Meyers

cc: Clerk of the SC Court of Appeals  
Court reporter, Ms. Richardson  
Counsel of record

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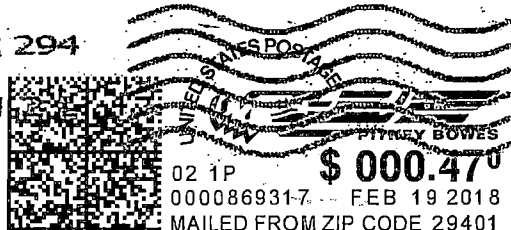
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