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Re: Cliston J. Bellamy v. State
Appellate Case No. 2018-000279
Lower Court Case No. 2016CP2606674

Dear Mr. Fowler:


This responds to your cover letter dated February 28, 2018, and your notice of appeal and proof of service dated February 28, 2018. These documents were received by this Court on March 12, 2018.

Contrary to your assertion, you are Mr. Bellamy's counsel of record before this Court and will remain so unless and until the Division of Appellate Defense assumes responsibility for this case or this Court grants you permission to withdraw. Rule 71.1(g), SCRCR ("If an applicant represented by counsel desires to appeal, counsel shall serve and file a Notice of Appeal as required by Rule 243, SCACR, and shall continue to represent the applicant on appeal unless automatically relieved under Rule 602, SCACR, or allowed to withdraw under Rule 264, SCACR. If the applicant is indigent, counsel shall assist the applicant in obtaining representation by the Division of Appellate Defense of the Office of Indigent Defense."); Rule 264, SCACR ("The attorneys and/or guardians *ad litem* of the respective parties in the court below shall be deemed the attorneys and

guardians of the same parties in the appellate court until withdrawal is approved and notice is given as provided in this Rule.").

In my letter of February 23, 2018, I asked you to provide this Court with the date on which you received written notice of entry of the order on appeal, but you have not provided this information. I again ask you to please provide this Court with that date within ten (10) days of the date of this letter.

Very truly yours,



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cc: Johnny Ellis James, Jr., Esquire
Mr. Cliston John Bellamy, 343259