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The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings  
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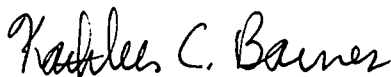
Re: *Ernie Washington, in his capacity as Coroner of Hampton County  
v. Hampton County, Hampton County Council, and Rose Dobson-  
Elliot, as Hampton County Administrator*  
Appellate Case No. 2017-000536

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

This letter is to notify the Court that the undersigned appellate counsel for Respondents in the above-referenced case is pregnant with a due date of August 5, 2018, and expects to be out of the office on maternity leave until approximately November 1, 2018. I understand the Court of Appeals does not issue orders of protection but wanted to notify the Court of this situation and the likelihood of conflict with potential oral argument scheduled during those months. By copy of this letter, I am serving all counsel of record with a copy of the same.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

With kind regards, I am,



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cc: Sandra J. Senn  
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A.G. Solomons, Jr. (via email only)

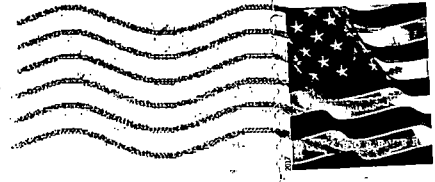
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