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Mr. Phillip Keith Sims, 301566  
Perry Correctional Institution  
430 Oaklawn Road  
Pelzer SC 29669

Re: Phillip Sims v. The State  
Appellate Case No. 2012-212295

Dear Mr. Sims:

This responds to your notice of appeal dated July 2, 2018.

To the extent this notice of appeal is related to the above matter, no action will be taken this notice of appeal since this matter was ended by the issuance of the remittitur on July 29, 2013.<sup>1</sup> *Wise v. S.C. Dept. of Corr.*, 372 S.C. 173, 642 S.E.2d 551 (2007) (appellate jurisdiction ends with the issuance of the remittitur).

Further, under Rule 18(b) of the Rules for Lawyer Disciplinary Enforcement (RLDE) contained in Rule 413 of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules, a complainant in a lawyer disciplinary matter never has a right to appeal or otherwise seek review by this Court. Therefore, to the extent your notice of appeal may be

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<sup>1</sup> In the notice of appeal, your reference Rule 60 of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure. This rule is inapplicable to appellate proceedings before this Court. Rule 81, SCRCP (SCRCP applicable to trial courts of civil jurisdiction).

trying to seek review regarding the disposition of a disciplinary complaint you may have filed against a lawyer, no action will be taken on it by this Court.

Finally, to the extent may be trying to seek review of actions taken by a federal court, please be advised that this Court has no authority to conduct such a review of a decision by a federal court.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized initial 'D' followed by a series of loops and a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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cc: Office of the Attorney General  
Office of Disciplinary Counsel