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July 27, 2018

The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings
Clerk of Court for the South Carolina Court of Appeals
1220 Senate Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Re: Michael P. Mayes, M.D. v. Thomas P. Lenns, M.D.
Appellate Case No.: 2018-001278

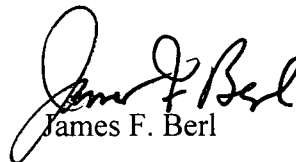
Dear Ms. Kitchings:

In response to your letter of July 24, 2018, which was this date received, enclosed please find a string of emails to and from the Court Reporter, Deborah S. Thomas, and my Litigation Paralegal, Judith E. Conrad, evidencing that on July 16-17 Ms. Conrad ordered the transcripts of the hearings at issue in this appeal, and Ms. Thomas acknowledged the order. I am also enclosing a copy of my letter to Ms. Thomas ordering the transcripts.

Thank you for your time and assistance in this matter. Should you need anything additional, please advise.

With kind regards, I am

Yours very truly,


James F. Berl

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July 13, 2018

VIA EMAIL: dsthomas@bcgov.net

Ms. Debra Thomas
Court Reporter for The Honorable Marvin H. Dukes
Master-in-Equity/Special Circuit Judge
For Beaufort County
Beaufort, South Carolina

Re: Michael P. Mayes v. Thomas P. Lenns, et al.
Case No.: 2016-CP-07-00515

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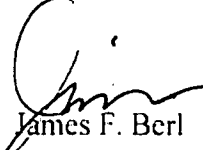
Dear Ms. Thomas:

On November 1, 2017, a hearing was held before The Honorable Marvin H. Dukes, III, Master-in-Equity for Beaufort County, on the parties' Motions for Summary Judgment; and, thereafter, a hearing was held before Judge Dukes on June 6, 2018 on the Defendants' Motion to Amend or Alter Judgment. Our records indicate that you were the court reporter at these hearings.

I hereby request that you provide me with a transcript of each of those entire hearings, and agree to pay the per page charge for these transcripts, as provided by Rule 607, SCACR.

With kind regards, I am

Yours very truly,


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Michael P. Mayes

Judy Conrad

From: Thomas, Deborah S. [dsthomas@bcgov.net]
Sent: Wednesday, July 18, 2018 1:56 PM
To: Judy Conrad
Subject: RE: Request for Transcripts of Hearings

Thank you.

From: Judy Conrad [mailto:judy@berllaw.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 18, 2018 9:40 AM
To: Thomas, Deborah S.
Cc: Jim Berl
Subject: FW: Request for Transcripts of Hearings

Debra—Jim wanted me to respond to your email below, and acknowledge that he will be responsible for your bill(s) for these transcripts. He also wanted me to let you know that if, as time approaches the 60 days for submitting the transcripts to the Court of Appeals, you feel you need additional time, please feel free to ask for an extension, per the appellate rules. As always, should you have any questions or concerns, please let us know. Thanks. /judy

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From: Judy Conrad
Sent: Tuesday, July 17, 2018 1:18 PM
To: 'Thomas, Deborah S.'
Cc: Jim Berl
Subject: RE: Request for Transcripts of Hearings

Thanks, Debra! /judy

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From: Thomas, Deborah S. [mailto:dsthomas@bcgov.net]
Sent: Tuesday, July 17, 2018 1:01 PM
To: Judy Conrad
Subject: RE: Request for Transcripts of Hearings

Found it. I'll have it out as soon as possible.
Thanks,
Deborah

From: Judy Conrad [mailto:judy@berllaw.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 17, 2018 9:53 AM
To: Thomas, Deborah S.
Subject: RE: Request for Transcripts of Hearings

Debra—Thanks for your reply. I looked at our calendar and found that the hearing was on June 4, 2018 before Judge Dukes @ 1:30 p.m. It was on our (Dr. Lenns') Motion to Amend or Alter Judgment. Thanks. /judy

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From: Thomas, Deborah S. [mailto:dsthomas@bcgov.net]
Sent: Tuesday, July 17, 2018 8:26 AM
To: Judy Conrad
Subject: RE: Request for Transcripts of Hearings

Morning, Judy

Thank you for your transcript request. I would be happy to provide you the transcript for the hearing held November 1, 2017. Unfortunately, I do not find a hearing for this case on the June 6, 2018 docket and I have nothing in my file for this case on that day. Please check the date and let me know if maybe it was a different date. Normally I have transcripts out in 2-4 weeks, but I have four transcript requests ahead of yours at this time. It could be 4-6 weeks before I can get your transcript to you, but I will have it out as soon as possible.

Additionally, I am not a state employee. Beaufort County pays my hourly/appearance fee. The attorney is responsible for paying the page rate and shipping/handling/delivery. Although my fees are similar on the bottom line, I am not under Rule 607. The first attorney to order a transcript in a particular hearing will be charged for the sealed original transcript and a hardcopy. You all are the first to order a transcript in this hearing. Also know you are permitted to bring your own court reporter if you ever wish to do so.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Deborah S. Thomas, CVRM
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From: Judy Conrad [mailto:judy@berllaw.com]
Sent: Monday, July 16, 2018 2:33 PM
To: Thomas, Deborah S.
Subject: Request for Transcripts of Hearings

Debra—Heather gave me your email address so I could send you the attached letter. Can you please let me know you received, and if you need anything additional from us? Thanks. /judy conrad

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