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S.C. Supreme Court

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The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse
Clerk, South Carolina Supreme Court
Post Office Box 11330
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Re: In the Matter of the Care and Treatment of Thomas Simmons
State v. Quashon Middleton
State v. Resean L.

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

I am counsel of record in the above referenced three cases, which the Supreme Court has placed on the preliminary docket for oral argument in March 2013. To the extent possible I would appreciate argument in these cases be spread out during the two weeks the Court has set for argument in March. Further, I have received notice of four cases possible to be scheduled for oral argument in March in the Court of Appeals. I understand this Court's cases have priority; however, the Court of Appeals frequently issues its Roster of Cases before this Court has a chance to issue its Roster. I would ask consideration of these other cases in scheduling: State v. Daniel Rogers, State v. Gerald Pitts, State v. Teresa Blakely, and State v. Gerald Henkel.

By copy of this letter, I am advising opposing counsel for all seven above mentioned cases of this scheduling request. I am also advising Jenny Kitchings, Clerk of Court for the Court of Appeals, and Claire Allen, Deputy Clerk of Court for the Court of Appeals, of this request and the possible conflicts in argument.

Sincerely,

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