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SC Court of Appeals

The Honorable Robert E. Hood, Circuit Court Judge

Appellate Case No. 2016-002367

Cedric L. Woods #265789, Appellant.

v.

State of South Carolina, Respondent.

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE
AMICUS CURIAE BRIEF

Randall Smith, # 312339, respectfully request that this Court grant this Motion for Leave to File the attached and conditionally submitted Amicus Brief on behalf of Cedric L. Woods in the above captioned Appellate case, per Rule 213 SCACR.

Smith has assisted Woods with research and in preparing his filings this year because Woods suffered a debilitating stroke three years ago and is nearly blind and his limited motor function makes it almost impossible for him to write.

With limited access to a prison law library that has no SE2d books past 2003, and access to one of only two old computers with Westlaw Online, and that is restricted to one hour to read and hand copy cases, and

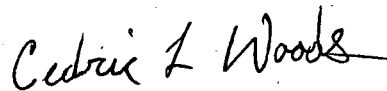
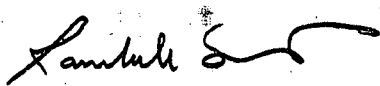
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as a result of these hindrances and time constraints, they focused mainly on the headnotes of critical cases and as such misapprehended the import of several cases that are critical to a clear understanding of Woods' claims.

Smith assumes most of the responsibility for this and feels the obligation to assist Woods and this Court, not only for the sake of clarity, but also for justice. This is all explained to the best of his ability in the brief. The brief may seem a bit preachy, though that is not the intention of its author. It is submitted with respect and in hopes of the furtherance of justice. He feels that a lot is at stake with respect to due process and the integrity and reputation of our judicial system.

For these reasons and those in the conditionally submitted brief, the indulgence of this Court is sincerely appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,



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PROOF OF SERVICE

I Randall Smith, #312339, do hereby certify that on this the 27th day of November 2018, I have served copies of my Motion for Leave to file Amicus Curiae Brief and my Amicus Curiae Brief Conditionally Submitted to the S.C. Attorney General's Office and the S.C. Court of Appeals, by placing these copies in the USPS mail at Allendale Correctional Institution.

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