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November 21, 2018

Jenny Abbott Kitchings, Clerk
The South Carolina Court of Appeals
Post Office Box 11629
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Re: Walter L. Pepperman II, and T. Ann Pepperman, Appellants, v. Henry H. Edwards, and Pamela J. Edwards, Respondents, Appellate Case No. 2016-002552.

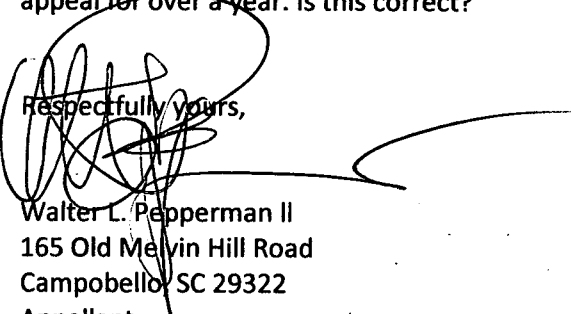
Dear Clerk Kitchings:

The Notice of Appeal in the captioned matter was filed on May 23, 2016. The record on appeal was filed on August 30, 2017. Appellants' final briefs were served on September 5, 2017, and filed shortly thereafter. Respondents were directed to file their final brief by September 30, 2017. That brief was never filed and that default has continued for over a year. In fact, via a letter dated October 12, 2018, respondents declined to file a final brief, the Clerk having in a letter dated October 9, 2018, indicated that the Court would be proceeding without respondents' final brief.

This appeal is now 2 ½ years old, and appellants have done everything required of them as of a year and over 2 months ago, which the Clerk has acknowledged. The purpose of this letter is to inquire as to the exact status of this case on the Court's docket as of this time.

According to Appellate Practice In South Carolina, Third Edition, by Toal, Walker and Baker, the Court promulgates a public calendar for arguments for an entire year. (page 26). How do I get access to that document? Also, your office prepares an outstanding case list which includes the location and status of all outstanding cases. (page 27). How do I get access to that list? Finally, following briefing, the case is sent to the staff attorney's office where a recommendation is prepared regarding whether the case will be retained for oral argument and a judicial assignment made. (page 27). Has that occurred in this case? If not, it appears that respondents' deliberate failure to comply with the Rules and the Clerk's directive regarding the filing of their final brief has resulted in the stalling of the resolution of appellants' appeal for over a year. Is this correct?

Respectfully yours,


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cc: Henry H. Edwards, and Pamela J. Edwards, Respondents



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