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January 7, 2019

E. Charles Grose Jr.
404 Main Street
Greenwood, SC 29646

Re: State of South Carolina v. Michael Cliff Eubanks,
Appellate Case No. 2018-001684

Dear Mr. Grose,

This letter is in response to your letter dated December 18, 2018. Please find responses to your three concerns below:

First, we understood your request for a copy of Ms. Tara Scott's resignation letter. In protecting the personal information contained therein, please find a redacted copy of Ms. Scott's resignation letter dated September 21, 2018, attached.

Second, as stated in the letter you received from Desiree Allen dated December 13, 2018, it is Court Administration's practice to allow court reporters in good standing to continue to produce transcripts for proceedings where they served as the court reporter. In keeping with our practice, Ms. Allen verbally approved Ms. Scott's request to continue to produce transcripts.

Third, on September 21, 2018, Ms. Scott informed Ms. Allen that she was resigning to accept a Victim's Advocate position with the Eighth Circuit Solicitor's Office and had sought and received permission from Solicitor Stumbo to continue to produce transcripts after beginning her employment with his office as long as Ms. Scott received Court Administration's approval, which was given.

Certified court reporters are bound by a code of ethics, which requires the production of an accurate and unbiased record of proceedings. Moreover, they are required to notify Court

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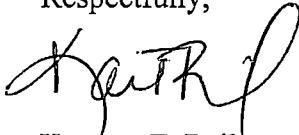
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Administration of any conflicts of interest and excuse themselves from serving as the court reporter on that case(s). As noted in your recounting of the facts, any perceived conflict would have arisen after Ms. Scott captured the record and a verdict had been rendered. Furthermore, there are procedures in place in the event that a party or the judge has concerns with the accuracy of a transcript. At this time, that procedure has not been initiated because, thus far, the accuracy of the transcript has not been raised as an issue. We will await further communication from you about whether you would like to challenge the accuracy of the transcript. The procedure to challenge a transcript can be found in the Court Reporter Manual at pages 19-20. If you choose to challenge the transcript, Court Administration will review the transcript for accuracy and report any findings to all parties.

We respectfully request that you remit outstanding payment for the transcript requested and delivered to you in the amount of \$2,577.25 to Ms. Tara Scott at 1849 Stevenson Road, Abbeville, SC 29620.

I am copying the Court of Appeals on this communication so that they are aware of all of Court Administration's efforts to provide you with the information that you seek.

Respectfully,



Karama T. Bailey
Deputy Director

cc: The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings, Clerk, South Carolina Court of Appeals
Ms. Tonnya K. Kohn, Director, South Carolina Court Administration
Ms. Desiree R. Allen, Program Manager, South Carolina Court Administration
The Honorable David M. Stumbo, Solicitor
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Tara T. Scott



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September 21, 2018

Ms. Desiree Allen
South Carolina Judicial Department
Office of Court Administration
1220 Senate Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Ms. Allen,

Please accept this letter as notice of resignation from my position as an Official Court Reporter for the Office of Court Administration. I would respectfully request to be allowed to continue in my position until the end of the week of October 22-26, 2018 in order to help ensure coverage of court, with October 26, 2018 serving as my last day of employment. Please also accept my sincere gratitude for the opportunities to pursue a career as an official and profound pleasure that I have enjoyed as an employee of the Office of Court Administration.

Yours Sincerely,

Tara T. Scott