

December 28, 2018

The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings
Clerk of Court, South Carolina Court of Appeals
1015 Sumter Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Re: **Appellate Case No. # 2018-002185**
Correction of Deficiency dated 12/27/18

Molly M. Morphew v. Stephen Dudek,
Doreen Cross, et al

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Dear Ms. Kitchings:

I was just informed that this office has issued a deficiency letter, dated 12/27/18 in regards to the filing fee for the appellate case referenced above. Specifically, that your office "cannot accept two payments for the notice of appeal." Moreover, "Within ten days of the date of this letter, you must submit the \$250.00 filing fee as one payment or this appeal will be dismissed." Of course I'm confused, as I AM only making one payment or transaction for \$250.00 paid by two money orders at the same time. Moreover, how submitting two money orders instead of one for the filing fee would rise to the level that an appellant would lose their appeal.

My apologies for this failure, if that is the case, but I was totally unaware a party is lawfully required to submit the filing fee payment with only one check as neither the previous letter (referenced below) stated such a requirement nor could I locate anywhere in the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules, or anywhere online, where it states or requires the filing fee be contained in only one check or that the total filing fee payment cannot be in two separate checks (or money orders).

When I received a previous deficiency letter dated 12-13-18 affirming the current filing fee was \$250.00 [as it had increased from \$150.00 to \$250.00 as of October 9th of this year], I immediately sent back my original money order for \$150.00 plus an additional money order for \$100.00 [the balance of the filing fee] via FedEx.

Again, nowhere in that court's letter did it require only one check; only that my payment was short of the current fee rate.

Further, I had gone as far as contacting the court and asked if I could send in the two (2) money orders together and was told as long as the total fee was covered it was acceptable. If there was any previous indication from the appellate court or information in the appellate court rules that contains this rule or requirement, I was-- and currently am-- truly unaware of it, nor have I been able to discover such a rule. I assure you I've taken several hours to do my due diligence.

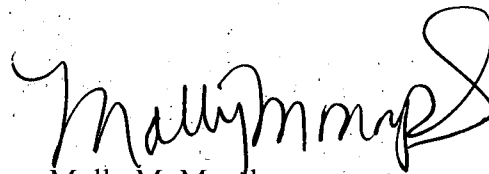
On that note, please advise, for future reference and as a pro se party, where I can find this rule, and if violated would or could deem an appeal dismissed.

I must admit, this has caused me great distress and worry as I am unable to or cannot afford at this time to obtain another 'one' or 'single' money order for \$250.00 to satisfy this court until I actually receive the deficiency letter and the two rejected money orders totaling \$250.00 so I can exchange them.

Additionally, it is the weekend and without any resolution. Combined with the critical time constraint placed on me by this court, and my lack of ability to locate this court rule or understand the reasoning behind it, this issue will continue to trouble me greatly until resolved.

In the meantime, I'll be looking for your letter dated December 27th, 2018 and response in kind to this one.

Thank you and with kind regards,



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Re: Molly Morphew v. Stephen Dudek (2)
Appellate Case No. 2018-002185

Dear Ms. Morphew:

The Court is in receipt of your money orders in the amount of \$100.00 and \$150.00 for the notice of appeal filing fee, filed December 20, 2018. This is to advise you that we cannot accept two separate payments for the notice of appeal. Within ten days of the date of this letter, you must submit the \$250.00 filing fee as one payment or this appeal will be dismissed.

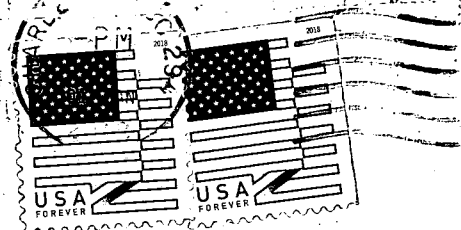
Very truly yours,

V. Claire Allen, Deputy

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