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Office of Court Administration
1220 Senate Street
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RE: *In Re: The Estate of Gertrude J. Williams and the Gertrude J. Williams Revocable Trust under agreement dated September 9, 2008; Carlos Fisher v. A.G. Solomons, Jr.*
Case No. 2015-ES-25-00056
Appellate Case No. 2018CP2500084

Dear Sir or Madam:

Please note that I am counsel for Appellant Carlos Fisher in the above-captioned appeal.

Following the Hampton County Circuit Court's filing of its order affirming the decision of the Hampton County Probate Court, and pursuant to Rule 207, SCACR, my office sought to obtain a transcript of the hearing held last October 8, 2018. When we contacted the circuit court to secure the name of the court reporter, we were told the reporter at the hearing was Wanda Rowe, but the court did not have an address or telephone number for her, so we were instructed to send our Rule 207 request directly to the Office of Court Administration; a copy of that written request, dated November 19, 2018, is attached hereto for your review. In addition, we twice attempted to contact Ms. Rowe directly via email (whose email address we already had from a prior, unrelated matter); unfortunately, we never received a response from her.

We only just recently received a letter via email from an individual named Mona Manley, apparently in response to our request for the transcript; a copy of the letter is attached hereto for your review. As a preliminary matter, I am unsure what Ms. Manley's connection is to either Wanda Rowe or the circuit court hearing, as Ms. Manley was not the reporter for same. In any event, the procedure cited in Ms. Manley's letter differs from that of Rule 207 in important respects. First, she indicates that payment must be made prior to preparation of the typed transcript; this is not provided for in Rule 207 (and this is the first time I have ever been told by a court reporter that I must prepay for a hearing transcript). Secondly, in her letter, Ms. Manley calculates the sixty (60) day time limit for production of the transcript as commencing the day on which she receives payment for the transcript; the rule specifically states that the sixty (60) days commences from the date of my request for the transcript, which was last November 19. Were we to follow the dictates of Ms. Manley's letter, such would put us beyond the deadline set by Rule 207, thereby jeopardizing my client's appeal.

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We called Ms. Manley to inquire about her letter and the discrepancies with Rule 207, but we never heard back from her.

Accordingly, I am writing pursuant to Rule 207, SCACR to inform the Office of Court Administration and the S.C. Court of Appeals that I do not have a transcript of the circuit court hearing, and that I have yet to receive notice of an extension to produce the transcript by the court reporter for the hearing. I realize that this letter may seem premature, but in light of what I have set forth hereinabove, I do not believe a transcript will be forthcoming before the current deadline.

With kind, personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

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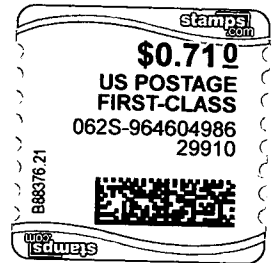
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