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The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings
Clerk, South Carolina Court of Appeals
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Re: Bauknight v. Pope, Appellate Case No.'s 2018-002229 and 2017-001899
Return to "Motion for Extension of Time to File Initial Brief (Supplemental)"

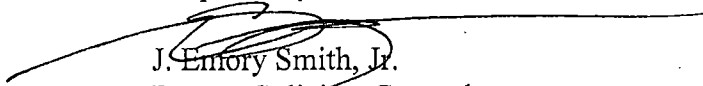
Dear Ms. Kitchings:

I respectfully request leave to submit this letter return to Appellant's "Motion for Extension of time to file Initial Brief (Supplemental)" regarding her "supplemental appeal," both bearing the appellate number 2017-1899. The return was due on December 27, but events since the service of that motion now make it moot. With this Court's issuance of a new appellate case number of 2018-2229 for the supplemental appeal and the motion, her proposed supplemental brief pertains to case 2229. No basis exists for Appellant to file, in case 1899, her proposed supplemental brief for case 2229. Briefing and the record are complete in case 1899 except for the final briefs of the Attorney General and other respondents. Therefore, Appellant's Motion should be denied. Any briefing in case 2229 should follow the ordinary course of the Appellate Court rules for that case instead of by Appellant's proposed "supplemental" briefing.

For the foregoing reasons, I respectfully request leave to submit this return. I reserve the right to file a motion to dismiss any part of appeal 2229.

I am enclosing the original and 6 copies of this return. Should the Court prefer a more formal response, please let me know.

Respectfully submitted,


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