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December 14, 2012

Ms. Joanne McDonald, Court Reporter
c/o Beaufort County Master in Equity
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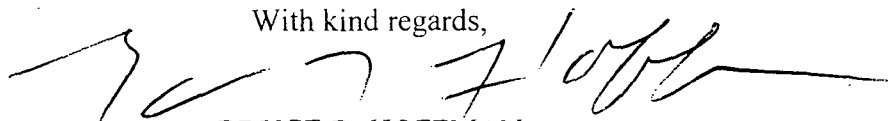
Re: Smith v. Heirs of Benjamin Days: Case No. 2009-CP-07-2608

Dear Ms. McDonald:

It is our understanding that on August 30, 2011, the case referenced above was tried before Judge Dukes, and we were told that you were the court reporter at this trial. I tried to reach you by telephone to confirm this, and your mailing address, to no avail.

My clients, Defendants Howard and Harriet Chaplin, appealed the judgment in this case on 12/4/12. I would therefore now request that you provide me with a complete trial transcript. If you have already prepared a trial transcript for the Plaintiff, or anyone else involved in the case, please let me know, and also an estimate before you begin work would be appreciated. My clients agree to pay the per page charge for this transcript, as provided by the SCACR. Thank you.

With kind regards,



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