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The South Carolina Court of Appeals  
1221 Senate Street  
Post Office Box 11829  
Columbia, South Carolina 29201  
Attention: V Claire Allen, Deputy Clerk

RE: Isaac Smith, Jr v. Johnnie Mae Muller Newton  
Appellate Case No.: 2018-002167

Dear Ms. Allen:

In response to a letter from Heather Cairns, Attorney for the Estate of Johnnie Mae Muller Newton, dated March 11, 2019, I respectfully want to address some of the misinformation in the letter. First and foremost, Attorney Cairns asserts in the letter that I, Isaac Smith, Jr. failed to properly serve the circuit court judge the Motion to Reconsider. As always upon filing any motions, I direct the filing clerk at the clerk of court's office to place a copy in the ruling judge's box in addition to mailing or hand delivering a copy to the judge's office. That pattern is demonstrated by the copies filed with the Probate Court's Office.

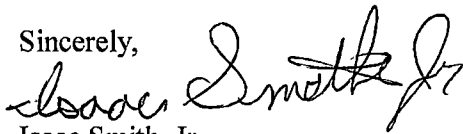
The attorney for the Estate of Johnnie Mae Muller Newton is using whatever technicality possible to preclude me from exercising my constitutional right to appeal. Attorney Cairns may has question as to whether her case can prevail on the merits and is seeking any technicality to dismiss the case even if the technicality is manufactured in this case. That is not a matter for this court. If the judge had not been properly served, she would have dismissed the motion rather than deny the motion and Judge Benjamin did. (A copy is attached)

Upon denial of my Motion to Reconsider, I exercised my right to appeal. As to whatever delay to which Attorney Cairns is referring, that in all possibility occurred in the Judge's office. It has been demonstrated through my efforts to obtain an official transcript, the misplacement and misinformation given from the judge's office. All instances were fully document to the court by my correspondences to the court of appeals clerk. I am in statutory compliance and even though I am a Pro Se litigant, I deserve to be treated the same as appellants represented by an attorney.

Hopefully, we can proceed with this appeal and get a decision on the merit, rather than a contention of the Appellate Attorney. I exercised due diligence in my efforts to obtain a transcript of the hearing held on May 11, 2018, and send you verification that I requested the transcript. Despite the misinformation given me from the Judge's I exercised discipline and was able to obtain the transcript and I dutifully sent it to all required parties in adequate time allowed by the appellant rules.

I am this honorable disregard the March 11, 2019 letter from Attorney Cairns and continue with the appellant process my having complied with the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules (SCACR) with my timely satisfaction of any deficiencies.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Isaac Smith, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Isaac Smith, Jr.

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