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The Honorable Chief Judge James E. Lockemy
The Court of Appeals of South Carolina
1220 Senate Street
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Dear Chief Judge Lockemy:

This letter is to notify you and the Court that I am leaving Appellate Defense in June. My last day will be June 14, 2019 although the official date is June 16, 2019. Technically, this is retirement but I prefer to call it a "new adventure" as I plan to continue work in the legal field. I plan to become a certified mediator as I am scheduled to take the certification course in July.

I went to law school later in life as a second career because I wanted to make a difference on a larger scale. Appellate Defense, the Supreme Court, and your Court of Appeals provided that opportunity through the exciting process of making law which is the foundation of society. Few things could be more meaningful.

I am honored to have had the privilege to appear before you and your Court as I am the one who always benefitted. It was exciting and sometimes scary but always beneficial. I value every moment of every argument. Therefore, it is with mixed feelings that I leave.

Thank you for the opportunity to appear before you.

Sincerely,

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