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The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings
Clerk of Court
S.C. Court of Appeals
P. O. Box 11629
Columbia, SC 29211

Re: Mell Woods' Appeals
MB File No.: 12085.4

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SC Court of Appeals

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Mr. Woods, as Appellant, has five appeals pending. I represent the Respondents in each appeal. I am writing to ask that the Court review the current status of Mr. Woods' appeals to determine if he is in compliance with the Rules of Court, and if he is not, to ask that the Court take appropriate action.

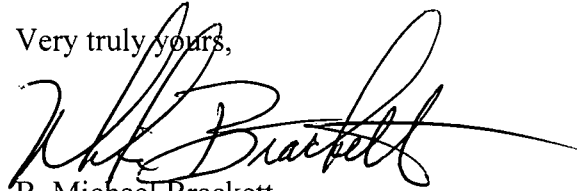
1. Appellate Case No. 2011-201066 (2010-CP-12-0201). It appears that all final briefs have been filed and served.
2. Appellate Case No. 2011-191876 (2010-CP-12-0168). My records indicate that the corrected Record on Appeal was served on me, as Respondent's Attorney, by Mr. Woods on November 14, 2012. Respondent's Final Brief was filed and served on November 29. To date I have not received a final brief from Mr. Woods.
3. Appellate Case No. 2012-212429 (2010-CP-12-0595). The court entered an Order on December 27, 2012 granting my motion to strike Appellant's first amended initial brief. The court's transmittal letter also dated December 27 gave Appellant ten days to serve an initial reply brief. It appears that Mr. Woods served his Initial Reply Brief on or about January 5, 2013, and that the Record on Appeal should be served no later than February 4, 2013.
4. Appellate Case No. 2012-212318 (2011-CP-12-0291). An order denying my motion to dismiss was entered on January 11, 2013, giving Appellant until January 31, 2013 to serve his Amended Initial Brief and Designation and to confirm in writing to the Court that all of his designated matters were presented to the circuit court. As of the date of this letter, I have not received anything from Appellant.

5. Appellate Case No. 2012-212330 (2011-CP-12-0323). It appears that Appellant had a dispute with the court reporter regarding the sufficiency of the hearing transcript. The court reporter served a second copy of the transcript on Appellant on December 21, 2012. To my knowledge, Appellant has not notified your office or Court Administration that he has received the transcript. I have not yet received Appellant's Initial Brief and Designation of Matter for the Record on Appeal, although I believe it to be past due.

You will note from your review of the Court's files that there have been numerous motions to dismiss because of Mr. Woods' repeated failure to comply with the rules; however, the Court has heretofore excused many of the oversights and allowed Mr. Woods the opportunity to bring himself into compliance. I respectfully submit that Mr. Woods is a repeat offender when it comes to his failures to comply with the procedural rules for these appeals. Mr. Woods' failures in this regard serves only to delay the processing of the appeals and has prejudiced my clients.

Anything your office can do to remedy this situation will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,



B. Michael Brackett

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cc. Robert H. Breakfield, Esquire
Mell Woods