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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
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APPEAL FROM RICHLAND COUNTY
Court of Common Pleas

L. Casey Manning, Circuit Court Judge

Case No. 2016-CP-40-00910
Appellate Case No. 2017-001750

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The City of Columbia, Appellant.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW AS COUNSEL

Pursuant to Rule 240 and 264(b), SCACR, the City of Columbia moves that W. Michael Hemlepp, Jr. be withdrawn as counsel. Attorney Hemlepp has changed jobs and is no longer employed by the City. As the Court is aware, attorneys Blake A. Hewitt and Teresa A. Knox remain counsel of record. See Rule 264, SCACR; see also *Ex parte Strom*, 343 S.C. 257, 539 S.E.2d 699 (2000).

Respectfully submitted,



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PROOF OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that on the date indicated below she served counsel for the Respondent with a copy of the *Final Brief of Appellant, Reply Brief, Certificate of Compliance and Motion to Withdraw as Counsel* by mailing copies of the same by United States Mail with first class postage prepaid to the following address:

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VIA HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Jenny Kitchings
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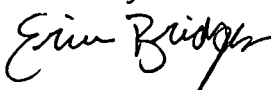
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RE: Darris Hassell v. City of Columbia
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Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Please find enclosed for filing the original unbound and fifteen (15) bound copies of the *Final Brief of Appellant and Reply Brief* in regards to this case. Also, please find enclosed for filing the original and seven (7) copies of a *Motion to Withdraw Attorney Hemlepp as Counsel*. I have enclosed a certificate of compliance and proof of service on counsel for the Respondent. Please return the additional filed copies to me via our courier.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,


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Enclosures

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