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The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse
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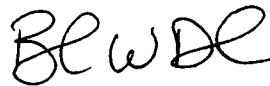
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S.C. SUPREME COURT

Re: Mikal Mahdi v. State

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

In connection with my pending application for admission *pro hac vice*, I write to confirm that I will be representing appellant Mikal Mahdi *pro bono* in connection with his appeal to the South Carolina Supreme Court of the Calhoun County Court of Common Plea's denial and dismissal of Mr. Mahdi's Application for Post-Conviction Relief.

Respectfully submitted,



Brandon W. Duke

cc: Teresa L. Norris
Mikal Mahdi