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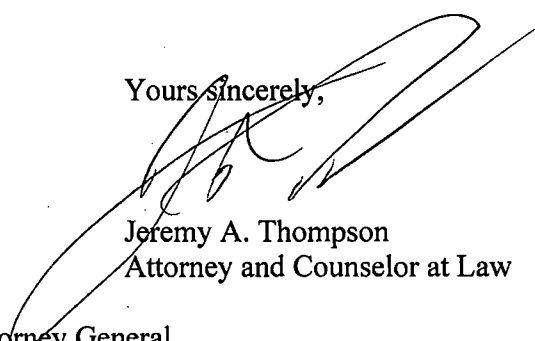
RE: Justin R. Hillerby, #339543 v. State of South Carolina; 2016-001666

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

I am writing to make an unusual and extraordinary request from the Court. I am counsel for the Petitioner in the above-named matter. This Court granted certiorari in his Post-Conviction Relief appeal and briefing has been completed. On December 16, 2019, I was offered, and I accepted, a position with the Appellate Division of the Federal Public Defender's Office in Columbia, South Carolina. I expect to begin my employment with that office on February 3, 2020. Unfortunately, I will not be able to continue representing clients, including the Petitioner, in a private capacity once I begin working at the Federal Public Defender's Office. Therefore, in the event that this Court were to schedule oral argument in this matter in the normal course of this Court's schedule, I would not be able to present that argument on behalf of the Petitioner. I have been representing the Petitioner for over six years, and I would appreciate the opportunity to argue this matter in his favor one final time.

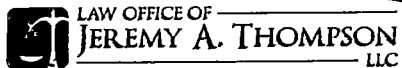
Consequently, I am respectfully requesting that if this Court was inclined to hold oral argument in this case, that this Court schedule oral argument in this matter prior to February 2020. It is my understanding that this Court is holding oral argument on January 22, 2020, and I would request that this case be added to this Court's oral argument docket on that date. I have contacted opposing counsel regarding this request, and opposing counsel informed me that he is available at the Court's convenience in the event oral argument is scheduled. If I need to make this request in the form of a motion, please let me know. With my thanks for the Court's consideration of this request, and my best regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,


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