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The Honorable Jenny A. Kitchings  
Clerk, South Carolina Court of Appeals  
Post Office Box 11629  
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

RE: State v. Michael Joe Smith  
Appellate Case No: 2019-000536

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Please be advised our office has identified this matter as an appeal from a murder conviction. As such, the appeal will be handled by the Capital Litigation Section. We would respectfully request the Court and opposing counsel forward all future correspondence regarding the above matter to my attention until such time as it is assigned to an attorney in my section to handle briefing. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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S.C. Bar No: 14244

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cc: Robert M. Dudek, Esquire