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The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings
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RE: Archie Patterson v. SCDEW
Appellate Case No. 2019-000599
Our File Number: 79.9168

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Dear Ms. Kitchings:

This status report is filed in the above case, pursuant to the Court's Order of July 12, 2019, holding this appeal in abeyance and partially remanding the case to the circuit court to consider the pending motion made pursuant to Rule 59(e) of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure.

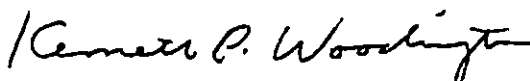
As indicated in my letter of August 29, the parties in August wrote to Chief Justice Beatty, asking him to assign now-retired Judge Early to hear the pending Rule 59(e) motion. Plaintiff's counsel was contacted on October 4, by Court Administration, which advised that Judge Early could not serve because he had signed an election not to serve. Plaintiff's counsel understood that Court Administration was going to assign another judge to the case. Plaintiff's counsel contacted Court Administration earlier this week, and was advised that the parties should contact Judge Clifton Newman, Chief Administrative Judge for the Second Circuit, in order to have a judge assigned and a hearing date set. That is now being done, and hopefully a hearing will take place soon.

I will provide another status report on or about March 9, 2020, or earlier, if something happens in the meantime.

With highest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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