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

Re: *Deanna Thomas v. Estate of Venisha Brown, et al.*
Aiken Civil Action No. 2019-CP-02-00320
Our File: 4077-7389

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

On March 5, 2020, The Honorable Clifton Newman sent a letter to you asking the Court to determine whether or not Ms. Adele J. Pope's actions in Civil Action No. 2019-CP-02-00320 ("Aiken Case 320") violated the Supreme Court's Order of June 10, 2015. Judge Newman recently stated at a hearing that he included with his letter two transcripts of hearings.

In the January 31, 2020 hearing that gave rise to Judge Newman's letter, Judge Newman graciously granted me permission to provide him a letter expressing the position of the Plaintiffs in Richland County Civil Action No. 2010-CP-40-04900 ("Richland Case 4900") concerning Ms. Pope's efforts to become the Personal Representative and Trustee of the Estate of Venisha Brown, which is one of the issues in Aiken Case 320. At a status conference today concerning all of the James Brown Estate-related matters, Judge Newman indicated that he had not included my letter with the packet of materials to the Supreme Court. He indicated that I was free to do so if I chose.

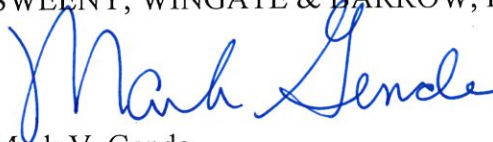
The purpose of this letter is to provide to the Supreme Court the letter that I provided to Judge Newman in order to give the Court the context of the Richland Case 4900 Plaintiffs concerning Ms. Pope's actions. I would appreciate you including this letter with the letter and transcripts that Judge Newman has previously provided for the Court's consideration.

I have copied all counsel of record in Aiken Case 320 on this correspondence. Should you have any questions, I will make myself available at your convenience.

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Respectfully,

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