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The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings  
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RE: Richie D. Barnes vs. James Reese; Appellate Case No.: 2018-002157

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

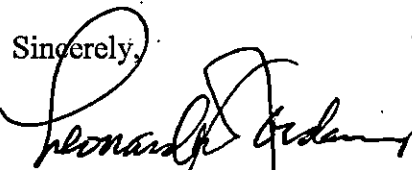
I was copied on your letter to Mr. Reese dated July 10, 2020. I see no evidence that Mr. Reese has timely replied.

On May 26, 2020, I received a Notice of Objections, which was allegedly served by Appellant on May 20, 2020. This Notice appears to be reacting to the Brief of Respondent. This was the first I had heard from the Appellant since I served (on April 16, 2020) the [Initial] Brief of Respondent.

I agree with your presumption that this Notice is intended to be, or to replace, Appellant's Reply Brief. Ordinarily, if a Reply Brief were to be served, the deadline to do so, would have been May 1, 2020; but with the automatic extension of 20 days, if that is correct under the coronavirus pandemic order, the deadline to serve a Reply Brief would have expired on May 21, 2020. It appears to be more than a coincidence that Appellant's Notice was served on May 20, 2020. As of this date, I have seen no evidence that a (separate) Reply Brief has been, or is to be, served or that an extension has been requested.

The next step in this appeal should be for Appellant to prepare and serve the Record on Appeal. The deadline to accomplish this step would ordinarily have been June 20, 2020. (I don't believe the 20-day extension is still applicable, but if it were applicable, the deadline would have been July 10, 2020, which too has passed.) As of today, I have not received the Record on Appeal or any indication from Appellant that it is on the way.

Appellant is pro se, but he has already been given much leeway during this appeal, which has been pending since December 7, 2018. What is the Court's intention?

Sincerely,  
  
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