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The Honorable Marcia M. Waldron
Clerk of Court
United States Court of Appeals, Third Circuit
21400 United States Courthouse
601 Market Street
Philadelphia PA 19106-1790

Re: Lavona Hill v. Bert Bell
C. A. No. 10-4577 (E. D. Pa. No. 2-09-CV-04051)
South Carolina Appellate Case No. 2012-212193

Dear Ms. Waldron:

As you know, the Supreme Court of South Carolina issued an order on September 7, 2012, accepting the certified question submitted by the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit in the above matter. It has been assigned the South Carolina Appellate Case Number that appears above.

When the certified question was received, it was determined that none of the attorneys involved in the case were admitted to practice law in South Carolina. Therefore, on June 11, 2012, the attorneys were advised that it would be necessary for them to file an application to be admitted *pro hac vice* under Rule 404 of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules if they wanted to continue their representation before this Court. Since that time, no attorney has submitted such an application and no South Carolina lawyer has appeared on behalf of any party. Further, no party has submitted a brief to this Court.

While this Court is prepared to go forward and issue a decision without the benefit of any briefing or oral argument by the parties, it wanted to make you aware of this situation in case your judges may instead desire to withdraw the certified question. I ask that you please advise this Court if it should proceed to answer the question or if your Court desires to withdraw the certified question.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D. E. S.', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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