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Mr. John Henry Ward, 309598
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Re: John Henry Ward v. State
Appellate Case No. 2011-188047

Dear Mr. Ward:

This responds to your letter dated March 11, 2013. Please be advised that the Chief Justice cannot assist you with this matter.

Instead, the determination of what issues should be raised in this matter were for your counsel to determine in the exercise of his professional judgment. *Jones v. State*, 348 S.C. 13, 558 S.E.2d 517 (2002) ("At the appellate stage, particularly, succinct, relevant legal arguments are most likely to be persuasive. Counsel is best able to use professional judgment to determine which arguments are relevant and should be presented for appellate review."). I am providing you counsel with a copy of your letter so that he can be aware of your concerns.

Very truly yours,



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