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S.C. SUPREME COURT

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

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 may be aware, the undersigned represents Appellee, Lavona Hill, in the above-captioned action. I received a letter dated March 15, 2013, from the Supreme Court of South Carolina which was directed to your attention. Please accept my sincere apologies for any delay and/or inconvenience that may have been caused as a result of failing to obtain local South Carolina counsel and submitting a *pro hac vice* application.

As the Appellee, I was under the belief that my filing requirements would not begin until being served with Appellant's brief. Clearly, I was mistaken and therefore not in compliance with the mandate of the Court issued on June 11, 2012, requiring compliance with South Carolina Appellate Court Rule 404. Therefore, I am hereby respectfully requesting an opportunity come into compliance with Rule 404 and address the issues in this case by way of briefing and/or oral argument. Indeed, I stand ready to file a *pro hac vice* application and start the process of obtaining local South Carolina counsel.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

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