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January 14<sup>th</sup> 2021  
V. Claire Allen  
SC Court of Appeals

RE: State vs. George R. Leach  
Appellate Case No. 2020-001579

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To whom it may concern,

Yesterday I received a letter from your office saying that I was considered counsel of record on this case, and referencing a deficiency letter, sent to George R. Leach, and dated December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Mr. Leach plead on York and Chester charges at the same time on November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020. While I represented him on the York charges (Appellate Case No. 2020-001606), I did not represent him on the Chester charges, and therefore am not counsel of record. Mr. Leach represented himself on those charges. So the December 8<sup>th</sup> deficiency letter, sent to Mr. Leach, was correctly sent. For convenience, I am attaching the above referenced letters. Please contact me if you have any questions.

CC: George R. Leach

Mark T. McKinnon



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January 13, 2021

Mr. Mark Townsend McKinnon, Esquire  
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Re: The State v. George R. Leach  
Appellate Case No. 2020-001579

Dear Counsel:

The Court has received a notice of appeal from your client George Leach. In accordance with Rule 264 of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules (SCACR) you are considered counsel of record until relieved by the Court. Enclosed is a copy of a deficiency letter dated December 8, 2020. This deficiency must be corrected within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter, or this appeal will be dismissed.

Very truly yours,

*V. Claire Allen*

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cc: Alan McCrory Wilson, Esquire  
William M. Blich, Jr., Esquire  
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George R. Leach



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December 8, 2020

George R. Leach, 00271937  
Kirkland Correctional Institution  
4344 Broad River Road  
Columbia SC 29210

Re: The State v. George R. Leach  
Appellate Case No. 2020-001579

Dear Mr. Leach:

Upon reviewing your notice of appeal, the following deficiency or deficiencies have been noted under the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules (SCACR), and any deficiency must be corrected within ten (10) days of the date of this letter or this appeal will be dismissed:

- The notice of appeal and proof of service have not been signed as required by Rule 267(b), SCACR.
- You must provide proof that the notice of appeal was filed with the Chester County Clerk of Court.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Catherine J. Fanning, deputy".

CLERK

cc: Alan McCrory Wilson, Esquire  
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