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**THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE SUPREME COURT**

**APPEAL FROM YORK COUNTY
The Honorable Grace Gilchrist Knie, Circuit Court Judge**

On Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the Court of Appeals

**Unpublished Opinion No. 2021-UP-129
Court of Appeals Appellate Case No. 2018-001030**

The State,..... Respondent

v.

Warren Tremaine Duvant,..... Petitioner

MOTION TO APPEAR AS COUNSEL PRO HAC VICE

COMES NOW **Nisha Sandhu** of the law firm of **Nisha Sandhu, APLC**, moving this court for admission as attorney Pro Hac Vice for Appellant, Warren Tremaine Duvant, and in support thereof would show the following:

1.

Nisha Sandhu is an attorney admitted to practice in the State of Louisiana for the past fifteen (15) years, and has been admitted to practice in additional jurisdictions, which are listed in the attached Verified Application. **Nisha Sandhu** has never been denied admission before any court.

2.

Nisha Sandhu agrees to familiarize herself with the applicable statutes, laws and rules of the State of South Carolina and will familiarize herself with and comply with the South Carolina Rules of Professional Conduct. In addition, she agrees to submit herself to the discipline of this Honorable Court and will conduct herself with the decorum expected of the advocates who

appear before it. As local counsel Nisha Sandhu designates:

3.

CHRISTOPHER LANE WILLIAMS, (South Carolina Bar No. 71977),
whose address is as follows: 639 LOYOLA AVENUE, SUITE 1850, NEW ORLEANS,
LA 70113.

4.

In support of this motion, **Nisha Sandhu** submits her Verified Application to appear as counsel *Pro Hac Vice*, as well as her Certificate of Good Standing issued by the Supreme Court of the State of Louisiana.


WHEREFORE Appellant Warren Tremaine Duvant prays that **Nisha Sandhu** be admitted to this Court *Pro Hac Vice*, as lead counsel, and that **Christopher Lane Williams** be designated as local counsel, and for such other and further relief as this Court deems proper.

Respectfully submitted:



CHRISTOPHER LANE WILLIAMS
SC Bar No. 71977
639 Loyola Avenue, Suite 1850
New Orleans, LA 70113
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Respectfully submitted:



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434 East Lockwood Street
Covington, Louisiana 70433
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ORDER

Considering the above and foregoing:

IT IS ORDERED that NISHA SANDHU be admitted as lead counsel *Pro Hac Vice* for the Petitioner, Warren Tremaine Duvant, in the captioned matter, and further that CHRISTOPHER LANE WILLIAMS be designated as local counsel on behalf of Petitioner, and for such other and further relief as this Honorable Court deems proper.

Columbia, South Carolina, this ____ day of _____, 2021.

J U D G E

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that I have on this 12th day of August, 2021, served a true and correct copy of the within and foregoing Motion To Appear As Counsel Pro Hac Vice and Verified Application on all counsel in this matter by depositing a copy, first-class postage prepaid, in the United States Mail:

William F. Schumacher, IV,
South Carolina Attorney General's Office
PO Box 11549
Columbia, SC 29211-1549
bschumacher@scag.gov



NISHA SANDHU

**VERIFIED APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION *PRO HAC VICE*
IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

State of South Carolina	Case No.	South Carolina Supreme Court
Plaintiff		Tribunal
vs.		
Warren Tremaine Duvant	Mailing Address of Tribunal:	1231 Gervais Street
Defendant		Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Comes now Nisha Sandhu, applicant herein, and respectfully represents the following:

1. Applicant resides at:

312 Inspiration Lane
Street Address

Covington	St. Tammany	Louisiana	70433
City	County	State	Zip Code

(504) 920-7310
Telephone

2. Applicant is an attorney and a member of the law firm of (or practices law under the name of)

Nisha Sandhu, APLC, with offices at

434 East Lockwood Street
Street Address

Covington	St. Tammany	Louisiana	70433
City	County	State	Zip Code

(504) 920-7310	(504) 920-7310	(504) 814-4513	firm@nsacla.com
Primary Telephone	Cell Phone	Fax Number	Email Address

3. Applicant has been retained personally or as a member of the above-named law firm by

Amber Carpenter (for Warren Tremaine Duvant) to provide legal representation in connection with the above case now pending before the above-named tribunal of the State of South Carolina.

4. Since April 21 of 2006, applicant has been, and presently is, a member in good standing of the bar of the highest court of the District of Columbia or the State of Louisiana where applicant regularly practices law. Attached is a certificate of good standing dated within the last 90 days from the bar of the highest court of the District of Columbia or the State where applicant regularly practices law.

5. Applicant has been admitted to practice before the following courts: (List all of the following courts applicant has been admitted to practice before: United States District Courts; United States Circuit Courts of Appeals; the Supreme Court of the United States; and courts of other states or the District of Columbia.)

Court:	Date Admitted:
Louisiana Courts	April 21, 2006
United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana	August 21, 2007
United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit	April 29, 2013

Court:	Date Admitted:
United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit	July 9, 2014
Supreme Court of Tennessee, Middle Division, Pro Hac Vice	June 9, 2014
United States District Court for the Southern District of Alabama, Pro Hac Vice	April 28, 2017
South Carolina Court of Appeals	July 17, 2018

Applicant is presently a member in good standing of the bars of those courts listed above, except as listed below: (List any court named in the preceding paragraph that applicant is no longer admitted to practice before.)

Supreme Court of Tennessee, Middle Division; South Carolina Court of Appeals

6. Applicant presently is not subject to any suspension or disbarment proceedings, and has not been formally notified of any complaints pending before a disciplinary agency, except as provided below (give particulars, e.g., jurisdiction, court date):

7. Applicant never has had any application for admission *pro hac vice* in this or any other jurisdiction denied or any *pro hac vice* admission revoked, except as provided below (give particulars, e.g., date, court, docket number, judge, circumstances; attach a copy of any order of denial or revocation):

8. Applicant never has had any certificate or privilege to appear and practice before any court or administrative body suspended or revoked, except as provided below (give particulars, e.g., date, court, administrative body, date of suspension and reinstatement):

9. Local counsel of record associated with applicant in this case is Christopher Lane Williams of the Williams Litigation, LLC law firm, which has offices at:

639 Loyola Avenue, Suite 1850

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Orleans

Louisiana

70130

City

County

State

Zip Code

(504) 308-1438

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South Carolina Bar Number

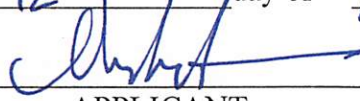
10. Applicant has previously filed an application to appear *pro hac vice* in the following South Carolina cases (give case name and status of litigation, date of application, local counsel of record in each case, and state whether application is pending or was granted).

State v. Warren Tremaine Duvant, June 25, 2018, Christopher Lane Williams; application granted

11. Applicant agrees to comply with the applicable statutes, laws and rules of the State of South Carolina and will familiarize him/herself with and comply with the South Carolina Rules of Professional Conduct. Applicant consents to the jurisdiction of the South Carolina courts and Commission on Lawyer Conduct.

12. Applicant respectfully requests to be admitted to practice in the above-named tribunal for this case only.

DATED this 12th day of August, 2021



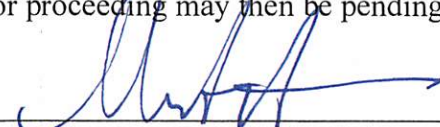
APPLICANT

VERIFICATION


STATE OF Louisiana)

COUNTY OF St. Tammany)

I, Nisha Sandhu, do hereby swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that I am the applicant in the above-styled matter; that I have read the foregoing application and know the contents thereof; and that the contents are true of my own knowledge, except as to those matters stated on information and belief, and that as to those matters I believe them to be true. I understand that I am under a continuing duty to promptly update the information provided in the application until the tribunal has ruled on the motion for admission pro hac vice. Further, if the motion is granted, I understand that I am under a continuing duty to promptly update the information provided in the application as long as I continue to appear pro hac vice in the action or proceeding. Any updated information shall be provided to both the tribunal that granted the motion and to the tribunal in which the action or proceeding may then be pending.


APPLICANT/AFFIANT

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12 day of August, 20 21

 CRAIG P. HART (22417)

Notary Public for the State of Louisiana

My Commission Expires: upon death

LOCAL COUNSEL CONSENT

I hereby consent, as local counsel of record, to the association of applicant in this cause pursuant to Rules Governing Admission *Pro Hac Vice* to the South Carolina Bar.

DATED this 12th day of August, 20 21

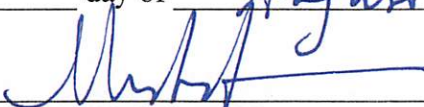

LOCAL COUNSEL OF RECORD

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have served a copy of this application upon the South Carolina Supreme Court by mail addressed to: South Carolina Supreme Court Office of Bar Admissions, PO Box 11330, Columbia, SC 29211, accompanied by payment of the \$250 filing fee payable to the South Carolina Supreme Court on this

12th day of August, 20 21


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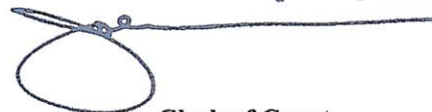
I, JOHN TARLTON OLIVIER, Clerk of the Supreme Court of the State of Louisiana, do

hereby certify that

NISHA SANDHU ESQ., #30340

was duly admitted and licensed to practice as an attorney and counselor at law in this Court and the several courts of the State of Louisiana, on the 21st Day of April, 2006 A.D.; and is currently in good standing, and sufficiently qualified to perform the duties of an attorney and counselor at law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto sign
my name and affix the seal of this Court, at
the City of New Orleans, this the 12th Day of
August, 2021, A.D.



Clerk of Court
Supreme Court of Louisiana