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**SC Court of Appeals**

Re: K.A. Diehl and Associates, Inc. v. James Perkins  
Appellate Case No.: 2018-002009  
Case No.: 2015-CP-26-05573  
Claim No.: 916718  
YCR File: 14168-20180194

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

As the Court, of course, knows, the only two parties to the above-referenced appeal are our firm's client Appellant, Mark Dos Santos, and Respondent, K.A. Diehl and Associates, Inc., represented by attorneys Alicia Thompson and Henrietta Golding of Burr & Forman, LLP, and presently, pursuant to the Court's order of July 12, 2021, the appeal is being held in abeyance for a period of sixty (60) days (i.e., through today, September 10, 2021) to allow the parties to explore the possibility of resolving the matter by agreement.

As was the case when I last wrote the Court about the status of this matter on August 26, 2021, the parties still have not been able to reach an agreement to resolve the matter, but it is still premature to say that the parties have reached an impasse. Having consulted with Respondent's counsel Ms. Thompson on the telephone this afternoon, I can represent to the Court that the parties would like to continue to explore the potential for settlement. Complicating the matter, however, is a recent positive test result that I have received for COVID-19.

Under the circumstances, and with Ms. Thompson's approval and consent (as she kindly conveyed to me during our call this afternoon), **the parties respectfully ask that the Court continue to hold the matter in abeyance for a period of fifteen (15) days beyond today, i.e., by my calculations, through Monday, September 27, 2021.** Of course, if the Court has any questions or concerns or needs anything further to consider this request (to include a formal motion), please just let me know, and I will gladly provide the same.

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With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

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