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**VIA ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION**

The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings  
Clerk, South Carolina Court of Appeals  
P.O. Box 11629  
Columbia, SC 29211

Re: *The State v. Devin Zachary Elijah Ruttle*  
*Appellate Case No.: 2019–001570*

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

I hope this correspondence finds you well. I am writing today to provide you the requested status update in the above-referenced appeal. I apologize for the delay in providing this status update—what is usually a more relaxed time of year has been anything but this year between an unseasonably busy work docket, my wife and I welcoming our first child, the holidays, and an unforeseen personal health scare during November, which fortunately was revealed not to be life-threatening by the less-than-enjoyable endoscopies to which I submitted. Between all of these things and the fact that there has been no change in status of which to apprise the Court of Appeals, i.e., Mr. Ruttle's Motion for New Trial is still under advisement with Judge Cole since the May 12, 2021 hearing on Mr. Ruttle's Motion, I did not send this update out on the date for which I had that task calendared. Again, apologies for my oversight and I hope to have a more substantive update to provide the Court of Appeals in the new year.

With kindest regards, I am

Truly yours,

s/Christopher T. Brumback

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cc: Melody Brown, Esq. (via email)

The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings

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