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In The Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM Horry COUNTY
Court of Common Pleas

William E. Lawson, Special Referee

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Case No. 2011-CP-26-4758

Monroe E. Cook and
Lynn S. Cook Appellant,

v.

Nealy Lynn Taylor Respondent.

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO WITHDRAW AS COUNSEL

Pursuant to Rule 264(b), SCACR, John Reuben Long, II requests an order removing him as counsel for the appellant. In accordance with the rule, this motion is being served on the adverse party (through her attorney) and on the appellant personally.

The grounds for withdrawal are that there is a conflict of interest for the attorney. The appellant's attorney, John Reuben Long, II, has recently joined the law firm of Thompson & Henry, P.A., which represents the respondent. Accordingly, Mr. Long must withdraw from representation of the appellant.

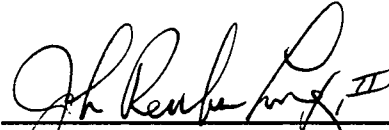
The appellant will presumably need a reasonable time to seek and obtain new appellate counsel. This appeal is currently in the filing process. The appellant filed Notice of Appeal on April 15, 2013, and served a copy on the respondent's attorney that same day.

The attorney accordingly requests that the Court grant this motion and remove him as

counsel of record in this appeal, which will allow the appellant to retain attorneys whom he is confident will ably represent him. See Rule 264 SCACR (attorney may only withdraw with leave from the court); see also *Ex parte Strom*, 343 S.C. 257, 539 S.E.2d 699 (2000) (same).

Respectfully Submitted,

April 15, 2013



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PROOF OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that on the date indicated below he served the appellant with a copy of the *Motion for Leave to Withdraw as Counsel* by certified mail, return receipt requested to the following address:

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The undersigned hereby certifies that on the date indicated below he served counsel for the Respondent with a copy of the Motion for Leave to Withdraw as Counsel by hand delivering a copy of the same to the following address:


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