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The Honorable Patricia A. Howard
Clerk, S.C. Supreme Court
P.O. Box 11330
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Re: Stephen Corley v. The State – Appellate Case No. 2022-000007

Dear Ms. Howard:

Appellate Defense has been asked to screen Mr. Corley for indigency to determine if we can represent him on appeal in his present PCR appeal where that PCR case was dismissed as successive in the court below. However, it is my understanding that Mr. Corley has not cured the deficiency in his notice of intent to appeal pursuant to Rule 203(d)(1)(B)(v) by providing your Court with an acceptable written explanation as to why his PCR appeal should be allowed to proceed despite the lower court's ruling that it was successive. The conditional order of dismissal states that this is Mr. Corley's fourth PCR action.

In the past it is my understanding that Appellate Defense did not screen or represent a potential client in a successive PCR action unless and until this Court first determined that the PCR appeal would proceed after a satisfactory explanation. If this Court would nonetheless like my office to screen Mr. Corley for indigency despite his pending successive PCR deficiency please let me know and we will obviously comply with this Court's directive. Otherwise this office will not take any action unless we are notified by the Court that this appeal is being allowed to proceed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R M Dudek", is written over the typed name.

Robert M. Dudek
Chief Appellate Defender

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cc: Megan Harrigan Jameson, Esquire