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Clerk, SC Court of Appeals
Jenny Abbott Kitchings
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Re: Linda Ammons -vs Ormondo Leombruno
Case 2021-001539
Our File: 5428.0003

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

I am not sure of the correct procedure here; so I am writing this letter to respond to the Motion by W. Trey Merck to withdraw as counsel for the Respondent.

I do not object. However, I do not see from a practical point of view how a non lawyer can conduct an appeal. That process will place an undue burden on the Court and the Appellant and will disrupt the rights of the Appellant for a fair process. Everything will be delayed and probably done over again more than once for the Rules to be followed, etc. Mr. Merck is the third lawyer that has represented Ms. Ammons since these matters began.

If the Court should grant the Motion, I ask that it be conditioned that the Respondent must have another attorney of record to complete the process.

Respectfully submitted,



J. Thomas Mikell

Cc: W. Trey Merck