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The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings  
PO Box 11629  
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Re: Tina Robin Patton v. Linda Doty Appellate Case No. 2021-001527

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

This office was ordered by the Court to screen Ms. Patton to determine if she is indigent. After screening Ms. Patton she does qualify for our services. However, Ms. Patton has already had her one appeal as of right from summary court to the Court of Common Pleas. She therefore is not entitled to counsel for an appeal to the Court of Appeals or the Supreme Court as a matter of right.

Because Ms. Patton does not have the right to counsel at taxpayer expense for this appeal, our office will not be able to represent Ms. Patton in the above-captioned appeal given our limited resources. If you have any questions or concerns please contact me.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Dudek  
Chief Appellate Defender

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cc: Tina Patton