The Supreme Court of South Carolina

ORDER

Pursuant to Rule 245, SCACR, and *Key v. Currie*, 305 S.C. 115, 406 S.E.2d 356 (1991), we decline to entertain the following matters in this Court's original jurisdiction:

1. *Joseph James Patterson III v. State of South Carolina*, Petition to Invoke the South Carolina Supreme Court's Original Jurisdiction and in the Alternative Petition for a Writ of Mandamus to Substitute for Conflict-Free Legal Counsel Producing Constitutional Structural Error; Petition for Writ of Prohibition and Motion to Motion Therefor, dated July 2, 2026; and Attachments, received July 6, 2026. Appellate Case No. 2026-001487.

2. *Evan Gertis v. South Carolina Commission on Judicial Conduct and Assistant Disciplinary Counsel Daniel G. Hayes*, Petition to Invoke Original Jurisdiction and Petition for Writ of Mandamus for Due Process Violations and Failure to Provide Timely Notice, dated July 21, 2026; and Attachments, received August 10, 2026. Appellate Case 2026-001791.

3. *Charles E. Richey #301029 v. State of South Carolina*, Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus/Complaint, dated August 13, 2026; Petitioner for Writ of Habeas Corpus, dated August 13, 2026; and Affidavit, dated August 13, 2026. Appellate Case No. 2026-001854.

4. *Ken Moorehead v. State of South Carolina*, New Writ of Certiorari, dated September 12, 2026. Appellate Case No. 2026-002048.

5. *Gerald S. Carter #175348 v. State of South Carolina*, Motion for Writ of Mandamus, dated July 6, 2026. Appellate Case No. 2026-001511.

6. *Christopher Woody v. LeVern Cohen, Warden of Ridgeland Correctional Institution*, Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus and Memorandum of Authorities Rule 245(b), SCACR, dated July 20, 2026; and Motion for Expedited Consideration, Preservation of Evidence, and Appointment of Counsel if a Hearing is Ordered, dated July 20, 2026. Appellate Case No. 2026-001611.

7. *Jerome Garcia v. The Court of Appeals of South Carolina*, Emergency Petition for a Writ of Mandamus, Emergency Motion for a Temporary Stay, and Attached Exhibits, received August 4, 2026; and Emergency Motion for a Temporary Stay of Lower Court Proceedings, received August 4, 2026. Appellate Case No. 2026-001752.

8. *Jennifer D. Powers v. The State of South Carolina, In The Court of Appeals SCCOFA, Jenny Abbott Kitchings, in her official capacity as Clerk of Court As member of the SCCOFA, Catherine S. Harrison, in her official Capacity as Chief Deputy Clerk of Court as member of the SCCOFA, Jasmine D. Smith, in her official capacity as Deputy Clerk of Court as member of the SCCOFA, Hon Paula H. Thomas in Her official Capacity as member of the SCCOFA, Hon Aphrodite K. Konduros in Her official capacity as member of the SCCOFA, Hon Kristi F. Curtis in Her official capacity as member of the SCCOFA*, Emergency Petition for Writ of Mandamus Against the South Carolina Court of Appeals, dated October 9, 2026, and Exhibits, dated October 9, 2026. Appellate Case No. 2026-002241.[1]

9. *Ralph L. Erwin v. South Carolina Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services, and State of South Carolina*, Letter to the Clerk of Court, dated April 6, 2026; Letter to Clerk of Court, dated May 27, 2026; Request for Determination to Close Case in Favor of Plaintiff, dated September 4, 2026; and Order Granting Summary Judgment, dated October 7, 2026. Appellate Case No. 2026-000856.

10. *Eugene King 312375 v. The State of South Carolina*, Motion on Exhibits of Innocence Exhibits, dated September 21, 2026; Motion to be Appointed Counsel Plaintiff is a Lemon to the Law, dated September 15, 2026; Motion to Vacate Sentence Due Process of Law Brady Violation Fairly to Enclose Exculpatory Evidence Murder Weapon and Brady, received September 28, 2026; and Motion to Object to Respondent Motion Condition to Dismissal, dated September 15, 2026. Appellate Case No. 2026-002128.

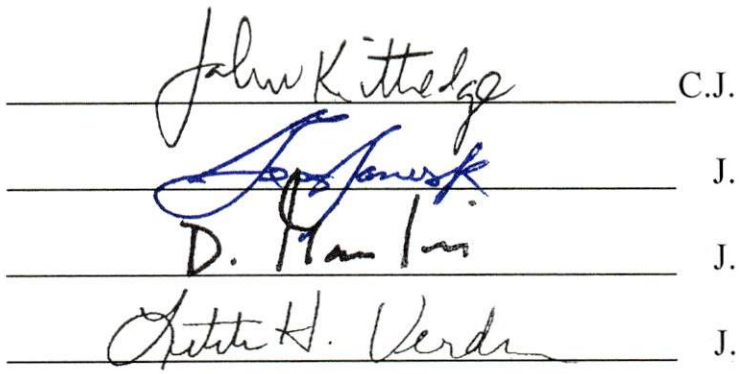
11. *Worth Edward Cook, III v. State of South Carolina*, Letter to the S.C. Supreme Court, dated September 23, 2026; and Motion to Appoint Counsel,

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[1] Verdin, J., not participating.

dated October 5, 2026. Appellate Case No. 2026-002133.

12. *Lawrence Postell v. State of South Carolina*, Letter to the Court, received May 18, 2026; Letter to the Court, received June 22, 2026; Letter to the Clerk of Court, received June 30, 2026; and Letter to the Clerk of Court, received July 9, 2026. Appellate Case No. 2026-001178.



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