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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
DANVILLE DIVISION

CHARLES LANDON ROBERSON,)
)
 Plaintiff,) Case No. 4:20cv00075
)
 v.) **ORDER**
)
 HANESBRANDS (HBI, INC.) and) By: Hon. Thomas T. Cullen
 VIRGINIA PIEKARSKI,) United States District Judge
)
 Defendants.)

On December 23, 2020, this court denied Plaintiff's motion for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* and ordered him to submit either a complete *in forma pauperis* application or the filing fee within 14 days. (Order, Dec. 23, 2020 [ECF No. 3].) Plaintiff did not submit either. Sixteen days after that Order, he filed a Notice of Appeal. (Not. of App., Jan. 8, 2021 [ECF No. 4].) On March 29, 2021, the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals dismissed Plaintiff's appeal and issued the mandate, returning jurisdiction to this court. (Mandate, Mar. 29, 2021 [ECF No. 8].)

Because Plaintiff has failed to comply with the court's December 23 order, it is hereby **ORDERED** that this case is **DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE**.

The clerk is directed to forward a copy of this Order to the parties.

ENTERED this 30th day of March, 2021.

/s/ Thomas T. Cullen

HON. THOMAS T. CULLEN
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

FILED: May 24, 2021

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

No. 21-1249
(7:21-cv-00004-TTC)

CHARLES LANDON ROBERSON

Plaintiff - Appellant

v.

KIM O'ROURKE, Secretary of the Board of Visitors; TIMOTHY DAVID SANDS, President; Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University/Virginia Tech; DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS MC 0435 850, Graduate Program; SHARON KUREK, Executive Director of Audit, Risk, and Compliance

Defendants - Appellees

RULE 45 MANDATE

This court's order dismissing this appeal pursuant to Local Rule 45 takes effect today.

This constitutes the formal mandate of this court issued pursuant to Rule 41(a) of the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure.

/s/Patricia S. Connor, Clerk

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
ROANOKE DIVISION

CHARLES LANDON ROBERSON,)
)
Plaintiff,) Case No. 7:21cv00004
)
v.)
)
KIM O'ROURKE, *et al.*,) By: Hon. Thomas T. Cullen
) United States District Judge
Defendants.)
)

On February 23, 2021, the court denied Plaintiff's request to proceed *in forma pauperis* pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915. The court advised Plaintiff that the case would be dismissed if he did not pay the filing fee within fourteen days. The fourteen-day period has now expired, and Plaintiff has not paid the filing fee. Accordingly, it is hereby **ORDERED** that this case is **DISMISSED** without prejudice.

The clerk is directed to forward a copy of this Order to Plaintiff and all other counsel of record and strike this case from the active docket of the Court.

ENTERED this 29th day of June, 2021.

/s/ Thomas T. Cullen _____
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
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CHARLES LANDON ROBERSON, Plaintiff, v. Defendants.

Plaintiff, Case No. 4:20cv00075

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ENTERED this 30th day of March, 2021.

/s/ Thomas T. Cullen

HON. THOMAS T. CULLEN
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

The clerk is directed to forward a copy of this Order to Plaintiff.

ENTERED this 1st day of February, 2021.

/s/ Thomas T. Cullen
HON. THOMAS T. CULLEN
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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Filed: January 11, 2021

**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT**

INFORMAL BRIEFING ORDER

No. 21-1038, Charles Roberson v. Hanesbrands
4:20-cv-00075-TTC

This case has been placed on the court's docket under the above-referenced number, which should be used on papers subsequently filed in this court. The case shall proceed on an informal briefing schedule pursuant to Local Rule 34(b). The Informal Brief Form is attached. Informal briefs shall be served and filed within the time provided in the following schedule. Only the original informal brief is required; no copies need be filed unless requested by the court.

Informal opening brief due: 02/04/2021

Informal response brief permitted within 14 days after service of informal opening brief (filing of an informal response brief is not required).

Informal reply brief permitted within 10 days after service of informal response brief, if any.

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The Court of Appeals reviews the district court or agency record in informally briefed cases. Therefore, no appendix is necessary. District court records are available to the parties through the Public Access to Court Electronic Records (PACER) system. See <https://www.pacer.gov>. Agency records are filed with the court of appeals in electronic or paper form. The parties may make advance arrangements to review agency records in pending appeals in the clerk's office.

The court will not appoint counsel or schedule a case for oral argument unless it concludes, after having reviewed the informal opening brief, that the case cannot be decided on the basis of the informal briefs and the record.

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Parties in civil and agency appeals **must** file a Disclosure Statement within **14 days** of the informal briefing order, except that a disclosure statement is **not** required from the United States, from indigent parties, or from state or local governments in pro se cases.

Parties are responsible for ensuring that social security numbers, juvenile names, dates of birth, and financial account numbers are redacted from any documents filed with the court and that any sealed materials are filed in accordance with the enclosed Memorandum on Sealed and Confidential Materials. Attorneys are required to file electronically in the Fourth Circuit. Information on obtaining an electronic filer account is available at www.ca4.uscourts.gov.

/s/ PATRICIA S. CONNOR, CLERK
By: Jeffrey S. Neal, Deputy Clerk

Copies: Charles Landon Roberson
705 Dobyns Road
Stuart, VA 24171

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT**DIRECTIONS FOR INFORMAL BRIEF**

1. Preparation of Brief. The Court will consider this case according to the written issues, facts, and arguments presented in the Informal Briefs. Space is provided to present up to four issues. Additional issues may be presented by attaching additional sheets. The Court will not consider issues that are not specifically raised in the Informal Briefs. Informal Briefs must be legible and concise, and any attached pages must be sequentially numbered. Informal Briefs may be filed on the form provided or in memorandum or formal briefing format.

2. Copies required.

- File the original of the Informal Brief with the Court. If you would like a file stamped copy returned, send an extra copy and a self-addressed stamped envelope. The Court's address is:

Clerk
U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit
1100 East Main Street, 5th Floor
Richmond, VA 23219

- Send one copy of your Informal Brief to each of the parties in the case.

3. Certificate of Service Required. You must certify that you sent each of the other parties or attorneys complete copies of all documents you send the Court. Service on a party represented by counsel shall be made on counsel.

4. Signature Required. You must sign your Informal Brief and all Certificates of Service. If the Informal Brief is not signed, the case will be subject to dismissal under this Court's Local Rule 45.

**DOCUMENTS ARE SCANNED INTO ELECTRONIC FORM AND POSTED TO
THE DOCKET. DO NOT USE STAPLES, TAPE OR BINDING.**

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT
INFORMAL BRIEF

No. 21-1038, Charles Roberson v. Hanesbrands

4:20-cv-00075-TTC

1. Declaration of Inmate Filing

An inmate's notice of appeal is timely if it was deposited in the institution's internal mail system, with postage prepaid, on or before the last day for filing. Timely filing may be shown by:

- a postmark or date stamp showing that the notice of appeal was timely deposited in the institution's internal mail system, with postage prepaid, or
- a declaration of the inmate, under penalty of perjury, of the date on which the notice of appeal was deposited in the institution's internal mail system with postage prepaid. To include a declaration of inmate filing as part of your informal brief, complete and sign the declaration below:

Declaration of Inmate Filing

Date NOTICE OF APPEAL deposited in institution's mail system: _____

I am an inmate confined in an institution and deposited my notice of appeal in the institution's internal mail system. First-class postage was prepaid either by me or by the institution on my behalf.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct (see 28 U.S.C. § 1746; 18 U.S.C. § 1621).

Signature: _____ Date: _____

[Note to inmate filers: If your institution has a system designed for legal mail, you must use that system in order to receive the timing benefit of Fed. R. App. P. 4(c)(1) or Fed. R. App. P. 25(a)(2)(A)(iii).]

2. Jurisdiction

Name of court or agency from which review is sought:

Date(s) of order or orders for which review is sought:

3. Issues for Review

Use the following spaces to set forth the facts and argument in support of the issues you wish the Court of Appeals to consider. The parties may cite case law, but citations are not required.

Issue 1.

SEALED & CONFIDENTIAL MATERIALS

Internet Availability of Docket & Documents

Fourth Circuit case dockets and documents are available on the Internet via the Judiciary's PACER system (Public Access to Court Electronic Records). The Fourth Circuit docket is available on the Internet even if the district court docket was sealed. If a party's name was sealed in the district court, it should be replaced by "Under Seal" or a pseudonym on appeal.

Due to the electronic availability of court documents, the federal rules prohibit including certain personal data identifiers in court filings. In addition, parties should not include any data in their filings that they would not want on the Internet. Counsel should advise their clients on this subject so that an informed decision can be made. Responsibility rests with counsel and the parties, not with the clerk.

Documents filed by the parties in immigration and social security cases are not accessible over the Internet to the public. In immigration and social security cases, public Internet access is limited to the court's docket, orders, and opinions.

Federal Rules of Procedure

The federal rules of procedure require filers to redact any of the following personal data identifiers (PDIs) if included in court filings: (1) social security and tax ID numbers must be limited to last four digits; (2) minor children must be identified by their initials only; (3) dates of birth must show the year only; (4) financial account numbers must be limited to the last four digits only; and (5) home addresses in criminal cases must be limited to city and state only. The federal rules establish limited exceptions to these redaction requirements. See Fed. R. App. P. 25(a)(5); Fed. R. Civ. P. 5.2; Fed. R. Crim. P. 49.1; Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9037

Judicial Conference Privacy Policy

In addition, the judiciary's regulation on Privacy Policy for Electronic Case Files prohibits filers from including any of the following criminal documents in the public file: (1) unexecuted summonses or warrants; (2) bail or presentence reports; (3) statement of reasons in judgment of conviction; (4) juvenile records; (5) identifying information about jurors or potential jurors; (6) CJA financial affidavits; (7) ex parte requests to authorize CJA services and (8) any sealed documents, such as motions for downward departure for substantial assistance, plea agreements indicating cooperation, or victim statements.

Local Rule 25(c)

Local Rule 25(c) limits the sealing of documents by requiring that sealed record material be separated from unsealed material and placed in a sealed volume of the appendix and by requiring the filing of both sealed, highlighted versions and public, redacted versions of briefs and other documents.

Since the ECF events for sealed filings make the documents accessible only to the court, counsel must serve sealed documents on the other parties in paper form.

Sealed Volume of Appendix

If sealed record material needs to be included in the appendix, it must be placed in a **separate, sealed volume** of the appendix and filed with a certificate of confidentiality. In consolidated criminal cases in which presentence reports are being filed for multiple defendants, each presentence report must be placed in a separate, sealed volume served only on Government counsel and counsel for the defendant who is the subject of the report.

- Use ECF event-**SEALED JOINT APPENDIX** and **SEALED SUPPLEMENTAL APPENDIX** to file sealed electronic appendix volume(s). One sealed paper volume must be sent to the court. If the case is tentatively calendared for oral argument, 3 additional paper copies of the sealed appendix must be filed. Cover of sealed appendix volume must be marked SEALED, and paper copies must be placed in envelopes marked SEALED. Sealed volume must be served on other parties in paper form.
- Use ECF event-**Certificate of confidentiality** to identify authority for treating material as sealed and to identify who may have access to sealed material. A paper copy of the certificate of confidentiality must accompany the paper copy of the sealed appendix filed with the court.
- Use ECF event-**JOINT APPENDIX** and **SUPPLEMENTAL APPENDIX** to file public electronic appendix volumes(s). One public paper volume must be sent to the court. If the case is tentatively calendared for oral argument, 3 additional paper copies of the appendix must be filed.

Sealed Version of Brief

If sealed material needs to be referenced in a brief, counsel must file both a **sealed, highlighted version** of the brief and a **public, redacted version** of the brief, as well as a certificate of confidentiality.

- Use ECF event-**SEALED BRIEF** to file sealed electronic version of brief in which sealed material has been highlighted. One sealed paper copy must be sent to the court. If the case is tentatively calendared for oral argument, 3 additional paper copies of the sealed brief must be filed. Cover of sealed brief must be marked **SEALED**, and paper copies must be placed in envelopes marked **SEALED**. Sealed version must be served on other parties in paper form.
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- Use ECF event-**BRIEF** to file public electronic version of brief from which sealed material has been redacted. One paper copy must be sent to the court. If the case is tentatively calendared for oral argument, 3 additional paper copies of the brief must be filed.

Sealed Version of Motions and Other Documents

If sealed material needs to be referenced in a motion or other document, counsel must file both a **sealed, highlighted version** and a **public, redacted version**, as well as a certificate of confidentiality.

- Use ECF event-**SEALED DOCUMENT** to file sealed electronic version of document in which sealed material has been highlighted. First page of document must be marked **SEALED**. No paper copies need be filed, but other parties must be served in paper form.
- Use ECF event-**Certificate of confidentiality** to identify authority for treating material as sealed and to identify who may have access to sealed material.
- Use the appropriate ECF event (e.g., **MOTION** or **RESPONSE/ANSWER**) to file public electronic version of document from which sealed material has been redacted.

Motions to Seal

A certificate of confidentiality may be used to request sealing of information protected by the Privacy Policy for Electronic Case Files, or by statute, rule, regulation, or order. To request sealing of other materials, or to request sealing of an entire brief or motion due to inability to create a public, redacted version, counsel must file a motion to seal.

The motion to seal must appear on the public docket for five days. The motion

must identify the document or portions thereof for which sealing is requested, the reasons why sealing is necessary, the reasons a less drastic alternative will not afford adequate protection, and the period of time for which sealing is required. If it is necessary to reference sealed material in the motion, a **sealed, highlighted version** and a **public, redacted version** of the motion must be filed.

Form: Certificate of Confidentiality

Instructions: How do I redact items from pleadings? (Marking out text in a word processing document using a highlighter or box tool does not remove sensitive data from the document.)

**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT**

CHANGE OF ADDRESS (PRO SE)

**No. 21-1038, Charles Roberson v. Hanesbrands
4:20-cv-00075-TTC**

If your address changes, it is your obligation to notify the clerk. If your address changes and you do not notify the clerk, we will not be responsible for your failure to receive documents from the court.

**THE CLERK IS HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT MY ADDRESS SHOULD BE
CHANGED TO:**

Name:
Street/P. O. Box:
City/State/ZIP:
Telephone Number:
Prison (if applicable):
Prisoner's Reg. No. (if applicable):
Release Date (if applicable):
Effective Date for Change of Address:
Signature:

Filing of Certiorari Status Form by Counsel

To protect defendant's certiorari rights in any case in which the Court's judgment was adverse to the defendant, counsel must return this or like form within the first 60 days of the certiorari period and serve a copy on defendant. Counsel must file an amended **Certiorari Status Form** if the information subsequently changes.

The Court will not consider counsel's CJA 20 payment voucher until counsel has completed their representation, including filing of the Certiorari Status Form.

CERTIORARI STATUS FORM

Please select one:

- My client has asked that I file a certiorari petition; I am filing a petition for certiorari in this case.
- I have advised my client regarding his/her certiorari rights and filed a motion to withdraw as counsel in the Fourth Circuit on the grounds that a certiorari petition would be frivolous.
- My client has informed me that he/she does **NOT** request that I file a petition for certiorari.
- More than 30 days have elapsed since I asked my client to inform me whether a certiorari petition is requested; my client has not responded. (Please note that, if the defendant subsequently requests the filing of a certiorari petition, counsel must either file the petition or move to withdraw because the petition would be frivolous.)
- A certiorari petition is unnecessary because the decision was not adverse to my client.

01/18/2021

Signature

Date

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on 1/19/2021 the foregoing document was served on defendant at the address listed below:

Virginia Piekarski, Deputy General Counsel & Assistant Corporate Secretary, 1000 E. Hanes Mill Road Winston Salem, NC 27105; Hanesbrands/HBI, Inc.1000 E. Hanes Mill Road, Winston Salem, ""

01/19/2021

Signature

Date

Comments: The Constitutional question raised by Judge Cullen, which led to appeal, was answered with "Fee Notice". I appeal.

[Print to PDF for Filing](#)

[Reset Form](#)

File form electronically using entry Certiorari status form.

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

CERTIORARI STATUS FORM – DUE WITHIN FIRST 60 DAYS OF CERTIORARI PERIOD

CASE NO. 4:20-cv-00075-TTC

CASE CAPTION 0:21-cv.pr-01038 (@ 4th); Charles Roberson v. Hanesbrands

Certiorari Obligations

The Fourth Circuit's CJA Plan provides as follows at § 5, ¶ 2:

Every attorney, including retained counsel, who represents a defendant in this court shall continue to represent his client after termination of the appeal unless relieved of further responsibility by this court or the Supreme Court. Where counsel has not been relieved:

If the judgment of this court is adverse to the defendant, counsel shall inform the defendant, in writing, of his right to petition the Supreme Court for a writ of certiorari. If the defendant, in writing, so requests and in counsel's considered judgment there are grounds for seeking Supreme Court review, counsel shall prepare and file a timely petition for such a writ and transmit a copy to the defendant. Thereafter, unless otherwise instructed by the Supreme Court or its clerk, or unless any applicable rule, order or plan of the Supreme Court shall otherwise provide, counsel shall take whatever further steps are necessary to protect the rights of the defendant, until the petition is granted or denied.

If the appellant requests that a petition for writ of certiorari be filed but counsel believes that such a petition would be frivolous, counsel may file a motion to withdraw with this court wherein counsel requests to be relieved of the responsibility of filing a petition for writ of certiorari. The motion must reflect that a copy was served on the client.

Filing Time for Petition for Certiorari – Effect of Petition for Panel or En Banc Rehearing

A petition for panel or en banc rehearing in a criminal case is timely if filed within 14 days of the Court's decision. Counsel's duty is fully discharged without filing a petition for panel or en banc rehearing unless, in counsel's judgment, the case meets the rigorous requirements of Local Rule 40(b) for panel rehearing or Fed. R. App. P. 35(b) for en banc rehearing.

If no petition for panel or en banc rehearing is filed, the period for filing a petition for certiorari runs from the date of this Court's decision. If a timely petition for panel or en banc rehearing is filed and denied, the period for filing a petition for certiorari runs from the date the petition is denied.

Information on filing a pro se petition for writ of certiorari is available from the Supreme Court of the United States, Office of the Clerk, Washington, D.C. 20543-0001.

**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT**

INFORMAL BRIEFING ORDER

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 7:21-cv-00004-TTC

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Judicial Conference Privacy Policy

In addition, the judiciary's regulation on Privacy Policy for Electronic Case Files prohibits filers from including any of the following criminal documents in the public file: (1) unexecuted summonses or warrants; (2) bail or presentence reports; (3) statement of reasons in judgment of conviction; (4) juvenile records; (5) identifying information about jurors or potential jurors; (6) CJA financial affidavits; (7) ex parte requests to authorize CJA services and (8) any sealed documents, such as motions for downward departure for substantial assistance, plea agreements indicating cooperation, or victim statements. Any reference to

substantial assistance or cooperation with the government in criminal proceedings should be sealed in the parties' briefs.

Local Rule 25(c)

Local Rule 25(c) limits the sealing of documents by requiring that sealed record material be separated from unsealed material and placed in a sealed volume of the appendix and by requiring the filing of both sealed, highlighted versions and public, redacted versions of briefs and other documents.

Since the ECF events for sealed filings make the documents accessible only to the court, counsel must serve sealed documents on the other parties in paper form.

Sealed Volume of Appendix

If sealed record material needs to be included in the appendix, it must be placed in a **separate, sealed volume** of the appendix and filed with a certificate of confidentiality. In consolidated criminal cases in which presentence reports are being filed for multiple defendants, each presentence report must be placed in a separate, sealed volume served only on Government counsel and counsel for the defendant who is the subject of the report.

- Use ECF event-**SEALED JOINT APPENDIX** and **SEALED SUPPLEMENTAL APPENDIX** to file sealed electronic appendix volume(s). Cover of sealed appendix volume must be marked SEALED, and paper copies must be placed in envelopes marked SEALED. Sealed volume must be served on other parties outside ECF.
- Use ECF event-**Certificate of confidentiality** to identify authority for treating material as sealed and to identify who may have access to sealed material. A paper copy of the certificate of confidentiality must accompany the paper copy of the sealed appendix filed with the court.
- Use ECF event-**JOINT APPENDIX** and **SUPPLEMENTAL APPENDIX** to file public electronic appendix volumes(s).

Sealed Version of Brief

If sealed material needs to be referenced in a brief, counsel must file both a **sealed, highlighted version** of the brief and a **public, redacted version** of the brief, as well as a certificate of confidentiality.

- Use ECF event-**SEALED BRIEF** to file sealed electronic version of brief in which sealed material has been highlighted. Cover of sealed brief must be

Highly Sensitive Documents

The court has adopted Standing Order 21-01 implementing procedures adopted by the Federal Judiciary for the filing of highly sensitive sealed documents in paper form, accompanied by a certificate (for material sealed by the district court or other tribunal) or motion (for requests to file material under seal in the first instance).

Forms: Certificate of Confidentiality & Certificate for Highly Sensitive Document Protection

Instructions: How do I redact items from pleadings? (Marking out text in a word processing document using a highlighter or box tool does not remove sensitive data from the document.)