

No. _____

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE
UNITED STATES

C. Collie,
Petitioner,

v.

SCCLC,

Respondents.

APPENDIX

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The Supreme Court of South Carolina

In the Matter of Cynthia E. Collie, Respondent.

Appellate Case No. 2020-001318

ORDER

This Court issued an Order in the above case on March 9, 2021. In response, Respondent filed a petition for rehearing. After carefully reviewing that petition, it is denied. This Order is substituted in place of the March 9, 2021 Order.

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Respondent filed a return arguing, among other things, that the 2009 Order does not direct her to do or refrain from doing anything, and therefore, she cannot have willfully violated it.

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D. Beatty C.J.
John R. hedge J.
Wayne L. Team J.
Tom Cannon Jr J.
Les Johnson J.

Columbia, South Carolina
March 29, 2021

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The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings
Circuit Court Clerks of Court

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John W. Hodge J.
D. L. Dean J.
Tom Cannon J.
T. J. Johnson J.

Columbia, South Carolina

March 9, 2021

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