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*RE: State v. Brooke McFadden Covington, Sarah Covington Anderson &
Justin Brock Covington*

Dear Counsellor:

As you are aware, Judge Pope has entered an Order affirming his Order of August 6 in which he disqualified Attorneys Joshua Farmer, Mark Morris, Andrea Farmer, their law firm and their associates, from representing the above-named defendants. We believe that you have the same conflict in that you represent the same three defendants currently.

Therefore, we request that you withdraw from this representation so that independent counsel can either be retained or court-appointed as the case may be and so that we can move these cases forward. If your clients obtain other counsel and we are notified sufficiently in advance of the next court date (September 21), then the State will be ready to proceed on the venue motion and other motions which have been filed as anticipated. However, if you intend to remain in these cases, then we believe it necessary to address the status of counsel before moving forward with any substantive motions.

I look forward to your written reply. If I have not heard from you by noon Wednesday (September 2, 2015), then I will proceed with the filing of a motion to address the matter with the Court and will provide all defendants with notice that the State will not be addressing the substantive motions on September 21.



Very truly yours,
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