

# COURT OF APPEALS OF GEORGIA

## RETURN NOTICE

April 14, 2015

To: W. Douglas Adams, Esq., 1829 Norwich Street, Brunswick, Georgia 31521

Case Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Lower Court: \_\_\_\_\_ County Superior Court

Court of Appeals Case Number and Style: A15A1420. Donna Davis v. Brantley County School District, et al.

Your document(s) is (are) being returned for the following reason(s).

- There is no case pending in the Court of Appeals of Georgia under your name.
- A Notice of Appeal is filed with the clerk of the trial court and not with the Court of Appeals of Georgia. See OCGA §5-6-37. Once the trial court clerk has received and filed the Notice of Appeal, the trial court clerk will prepare a copy of the record and transcripts as designated by the Notice of Appeal and transmit them to this Court. Once the Notice of Appeal is docketed in the Court of Appeals of Georgia, a Docketing Notice with the Briefing Schedule and other important information is mailed to counsel for the parties or directly to the parties, if the parties are representing themselves. You do not need to provide this Court with a copy of the Notice of Appeal you filed with the superior court.
- The Notice of Appeal must include a proper Certificate of Service. A Certificate of Service must show service to the opposing counsel and contain the counsel's full name and complete mailing address. The opposing counsel must actually be served with a copy of your filing.
- An Application for Writ of Habeas Corpus should be filed in the superior court of the county in which you claim you are illegally detained. An appeal from a denial of an Application for Writ of Habeas Corpus is to the Supreme Court and not the Court of Appeals.
- An Application for Writ of Mandamus should be filed in the superior court of the county official whose conduct you intend to mandate. An appeal from a denial of an Application for Writ of Mandamus is to the Supreme Court and not the Court of Appeals.
- Your appeal was disposed by opinion (order) on \_\_\_\_\_. The Court of Appeals \_\_\_\_\_ . The remittitur issued on \_\_\_\_\_ divesting this Court of jurisdiction. The case decision is therefore final.
- Your mailing/documents indicate that you intended to file your papers in another court rather than the Court of Appeals of Georgia. The address of the Clerk of the \_\_\_\_\_ is: \_\_\_\_\_
- Electronic filing is mandatory in this Court. The following Rule 46 became effective January 1, 2015.

### XXII. ELECTRONIC FILING OF DOCUMENTS

#### Rule 46. Electronic Filing of Documents.

Counsel is required to use the Court's electronic filing system and to follow the policies and procedures governing electronic filing as set forth in the Court's electronic filing instructions. The Clerk of Court may grant a request for exemption from mandatory electronic filing for good cause shown. An adverse decision by the Clerk of Court may be appealed by motion to the Court via a paper filing.

Rule passed October 21, 2014 - effective January 1, 2015

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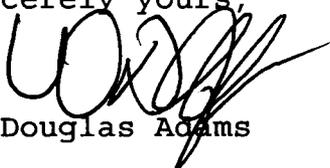
RE: Donna Davis v. Brantley County School District,  
Matt Thrift, and Dean Horne,  
Georgia Court of Appeals of Georgia,  
Appeal Number A15A1420

Dear Mr. Castlen:

Enclosed herewith please find the original and two copies of the Brief of the Appellant which I will thank you to file in your usual manner, along with an Affidavit and Motion to proceed in Forma Pauperis.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

  
W. Douglas Adams

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IN THE COURT OF APPEALS  
STATE OF GEORGIA

DONNA DAVIS,  
  
Appellant,  
  
v.  
  
BRANTLEY COUNTY SCHOOL  
DISTRICT, MATT THIRFT,  
AND DEAN HORNE,  
  
APPELLEES.

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AFFIDAVIT AND MOTION TO PROCEED IN  
FORMA PAUPERIS

I DONNA DAVIS, the undersigned, having been duly sworn, hereby state as follows:

1.

That I am the Plaintiff in the above and foregoing case and thereby responsible for payment of fees and court costs.

2.

I am presently 55 years of age and have been unable to engage in substantial gainful employment for several years due to poor health conditions. I don't receive any disability income and I am not working and do not have assets which would be sufficient to pay the costs of Appeal.

3.

If I am required to pay the costs of this appeal, I will not be able to prosecute due to lack of funds.

4.

I believe and state that I have a meritorious claim and desire to proceed in forma pauperis.

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF GEORGIA

DONNA DAVIS,  
Appellant,

vs.

BRANTLEY COUNTY SCHOOL  
DISTRICT, MATT THRIFT, and  
DEAN HORNE,

Appellees.

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