

COURT OF APPEALS OF GEORGIA
DOCUMENT RETURN NOTICE FOR BRIEFS OR MOTIONS

September 22, 2015

To: Ms. Elizabeth D. C. Sorkness, 231 Idle Wild Road, Macon, Georgia 31210

Docket Number: A16A0064 **Style:** Elizabeth Sorkness v. Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia

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

1. Your Appellant's Brief, was not accompanied by the statutory filing fee (\$300.00 civil; \$80.00 criminal *Effective July 1, 2009) or a sufficient pauper's affidavit. OCGA§5-6-4 and Rule 5 **Please be advised that your pauper's affidavit should be notarized by a notary public.**
2. A Request for Oral Argument must be filed as a separate document. Rule 28 (a) (3)
3. Your document(s) was (were) not signed by counsel (No signatures with expressed permission are permitted). Rule 1 (a)
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5. **A Certificate of Service must include the complete name and mailing address of each opposing party. Rules 1(a) and 6. You should provide a copy of your filing to the opposing party and include his/her name and address on your Certificate of Service.**
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9. Letter briefs and letter cites are not permitted. Rule 27 (b)
10. Your request for court action must be submitted in motion form. Rule 41 (a)
11. Your motions were submitted in an improper form (joint, compound or alternative motions in one document). Rule 41 (b)
12. Type was on both sides of the paper; type font was smaller than 10 characters per inch; and/or the type was not double-spaced. Rules 1(c), 37(a) and 41(b).
13. The pages were not sequentially numbered with arabic numerals. Rule 24 (e)
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STATE OF GEORGIA

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Elizabeth Denise Caldon Sorkness,
Appellant,

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CASE NO. A16A0064

V

Board of Regents of the
University System of Georgia
Appellee.

REQUEST FOR ORAL ARGUMENT

COMES NOW Plaintiff/Appellant *Elizabeth Denise Caldon Sorkness* ("Appellant") and, pursuant to Rule 28 of the Rules of the Court of Appeals of the State of Georgia, requests that the above-styled appeal be placed on the calendar for oral argument.

Relatively few cases brought under the Georgia Whistleblower Act O.C.G.A. 45-1-4 et seq., are heard by the Court of Appeals. The dispute here involves questions about what motivated the decision to terminate a fifteen-year employee of Middle Georgia State University (formerly Macon State College). The parties' record is voluminous; and legal inquiry will require, in part, an understanding of various rules and regulations within the Board of Regents. The decisional process will be aided by oral argument, noting the Oral Argument denied in 2010 by *Judge Doris L. Downs, Fulton County Superior Court*, resulted in unquestionable denial of justice for Appellant resulting in Appellant filing a Rule 60 Motion and, subsequent, filing a Rule 60 Motion Reconsideration and, subsequent, filing Appeal to Rule 60 Motion Reconsideration Denial.

Appellant certifies she has emailed and mailed a copy of this request for Oral Argument to notify Counsel for Appellee to notify Appellee of Appellant's desire for oral argument.

Oral Argument will be made on Appellant's behalf by Appellant, *Elizabeth Denise Caldon Sorkness* as a result of no financial resources remaining since the initial filing in February 2009. It is further expected that, if oral argument is granted, *Annette Cowart, Senior Assistant Attorney General*, will argue for Appellee. Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Denise Caldon Sorkness

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Appellant Pro Se

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Georgia Whistleblower Protection Act Case
CALDON V. BOARD OF REGENTS
Fulton County Superior Court - 2009-CV-165267 Court of Appeals No. A16A0064

*Caldon Family's VA story featured nationwide June 2012
<http://theveteranssite.greatergood.com/clickToGive/vet/story/the-impossible-dream-sung-at-our-wedding-in-1980-a-vietnam-veterans-widows-story772>

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NOTICE OF DOCKETING - DIRECT APPEAL

APPEAL CASE NUMBER: A16A0064

DATE OF DOCKETING: September 03, 2015

STYLE: ELIZABETH DENISE CALDON SORKNESS v. BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE
UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA

IMPORTANT RULE REQUIREMENTS AND INFORMATION

Briefs: Appellant's brief (including an Enumeration of Errors as Part II) shall be filed within 20 days of the date on this docketing notice. Appellee's brief shall be filed within 40 days after the docketing date or 20 days after the filing of the appellant's brief whichever is later. Requests for extensions of time to file briefs must be made by motion. Failure to timely file briefs or to follow any Court rules or orders may cause the appeal to be dismissed or may cause non-consideration of a brief and may subject the offender to contempt.

Filing Fees: No appellant's brief shall be received for filing without the \$300.00 filing fee except for those Appellants who are: 1) incarcerated and pro se, 2) represented by appointed counsel/public defender, or 3) paupers (with affidavit).

Related Cases: Attorneys must notify the Court if the above-styled case is related to any other case that is or was docketed in the Court. (E-filers file this as "Information" on the Docket. Hard copy submissions should be by separate letter to the Clerk.)

Attorneys: Attorneys: Note that Rule 46 requires that all submissions be via electronic format. E-filing instructions are found at www.gaappeals.us.

Pro Se Filing by US Postal Mail or Delivery Service: The contents of a properly addressed mailing other than a motion for reconsideration shall be deemed filed on the date of the U.S. Postal Service postmark date if it is stamped on the envelope or container. A filing received from an overnight delivery service is deemed filed on the date shown on the envelope or container. If no date appears on the container or envelope of a mailing or delivery, the contents shall be deemed filed on the date of receipt by the court. **Motions for reconsideration are deemed filed on the date the motion is physically received in the Clerk's office, i.e., the postmark date is not relevant.**

* **Oral Argument: A Request for Oral Argument shall be filed within 20 days of the date on this docketing notice.** If oral argument is requested and granted by this Court, the argument is tentatively scheduled for Jan 21 2016 before the Fifth Division: P. J., Phipps, J., Dillard, J., Three. A calendar will be sent to counsel of record confirming the exact date of oral argument. If the calendar has not been received at least ten days prior to the tentative oral argument date, please contact the Clerk's office.

Communications: There shall be no communications relating to pending appeals with any judge or member of the judge's staff.