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**Date:** 5/16/2016 7:42:53 AM  
**Subject:** RE: Conference Call In Info for Monday, 5/16 at 2:00 p.m. Monday May 16

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Thanks so much, Amanda. Have a great day B

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**From:** Whittle, Amanda [<mailto:Amanda.Whittle@dss.sc.gov>]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 16, 2016 6:47 AM  
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Yes, I will notify everyone. Thank you.

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On May 16, 2016, at 6:26 AM, Becky Laffitte <[blaffitte@sowellgray.com](mailto:blaffitte@sowellgray.com)> wrote:

Good morning All

Looks like Monty and Butch can do 2:00 pm today. If Tony is still good with that time, I'll have to rely upon one of you to notify Judge Duffy that the all can proceed at 2. Monty is in a deposition in Memphis today and I begin a mediation at 9 this morning. We'll both be out of pocket to respond to Judge Duffy. Amanda, assuming Tony is still good for 2 today, will you please notify everyone? Monty and I don't know the message to be delivered so we'll be relying on Tony to speak. Thanks to all

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From: Butch Bowers [<mailto:Butch@ButchBowers.com>]  
Sent: Sunday, May 15, 2016 9:31 PM  
To: Pisarik, Holly <[HollyPisarik@gov.sc.gov](mailto:HollyPisarik@gov.sc.gov)>; Becky Laffitte <[blaffitte@sowellgray.com](mailto:blaffitte@sowellgray.com)>  
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Subject: Re: Conference Call In Info for Monday, 5/16 at 2:00 p.m. Saturday May 14

I can do 2pm tomorrow.

Butch

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From: Pisarik, Holly <[HollyPisarik@gov.sc.gov](mailto:HollyPisarik@gov.sc.gov)>  
Sent: Sunday, May 15, 2016 9:20:12 PM  
To: Becky Laffitte  
Cc: Monty Todd; Whittle, Amanda; Catone, Tony; Butch Bowers; Robin Owens; Carenn Moore  
Subject: Re: Conference Call In Info for Monday, 5/16 at 2:00 p.m. Saturday May 14

I can't do 2 tomorrow. Butch?

Sent from my iPhone

On May 15, 2016, at 1:23 PM, Becky Laffitte <[blaffitte@sowellgray.com](mailto:blaffitte@sowellgray.com)> wrote:

We will need to hear from Tony, Holly and Butch on their preference as I am not available.  
Thanks

Sent from my iPad

On May 15, 2016, at 1:16 PM, "Monty Todd" <[mtodd@sowellgray.com](mailto:mtodd@sowellgray.com)> wrote:

I never guarantee anything but effort. I should be able to call in on my cell at 2, although there may be a lot of background noise in the airport. My problem is I will not be of much use on the call if I do not know what our message or plan is and I will be in a deposition until just before the call.

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Sent: Saturday, May 14, 2016 9:31 PM  
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May 14

Monty

If you can guarantee you're free at 2, it's possible the call could proceed. I will NOT be done by 2...just want to make sure you are on the call with Tony, Amanda, Holly and Butch since I'm tied up. thanks

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From: Whittle, Amanda [<mailto:Amanda.Whittle@dss.sc.gov>]  
Sent: Saturday, May 14, 2016 5:57 PM  
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Cc: Becky Laffitte <[blaffitte@sowellgray.com](mailto:blaffitte@sowellgray.com)>; Catone, Tony <[Tony.Catone@dss.sc.gov](mailto:Tony.Catone@dss.sc.gov)>; [hollypisarik@gov.sc.gov](mailto:hollypisarik@gov.sc.gov); Butch Bowers <[Butch@ButchBowers.com](mailto:Butch@ButchBowers.com)>; Robin Owens <[rowens@sowellgray.com](mailto:rowens@sowellgray.com)>; Carenn Moore <[cmoore@sowellgray.com](mailto:cmoore@sowellgray.com)>  
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I'm available at 2, 4 and/or 5, but I'm not certain about Tony's schedule.

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On May 14, 2016, at 5:47 PM, Monty Todd <[mtodd@sowellgray.com](mailto:mtodd@sowellgray.com)> wrote:

I could probably do 2 but not 4 or 5

Sent from my iPhone

On May 14, 2016, at 3:03 PM, Becky Laffitte  
<[blaffitte@sowellgray.com](mailto:blaffitte@sowellgray.com)> wrote:

Good afternoon, All:

Please let me know your thoughts about the call at 4 or 5 on Monday afternoon? I'm not sure I'll be done with my mediation but I'll commit to 5 as the Judge appears insistent that the call will proceed on Monday. Look forward to hearing from you. Thanks  
Becky

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From: [Michael\\_Duffy@scd.uscourts.gov](mailto:Michael_Duffy@scd.uscourts.gov)  
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Subject: Re: Conference Call In Info for Monday,  
5/16 at 2:00 p.m. Friday May 13

Becky, Sorry I just saw your email. Would 4 or 5 pm  
Monday work?

Sent from my iPhone

On May 13, 2016, at 4:38 PM, Becky Laffitte  
<[blaffitte@sowellgray.com](mailto:blaffitte@sowellgray.com)> wrote:

Good afternoon, Judge Duffy:

I have been in deposition preparation most of today and have just learned of the proposed call at 2:00 pm on Monday. I will be in a mediation and Monty will be in depositions in Memphis. I apologize for any inconvenience, but would it be possible to find another time when

Monty and I can participate in the call?  
We thank you for your consideration.  
Best, Becky

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From: Robin Owens  
Sent: Friday, May 13, 2016 4:21 PM  
To: Catone, Tony <Tony.Catone@dss.sc.gov>; Becky Laffitte <blaffitte@sowellgray.com>; Whittle, Amanda <Amanda.Whittle@dss.sc.gov>; Carenn Moore <cmoore@sowellgray.com>; Christina Remlin <cremlin@childrensrights.org>; hollypisarik@gov.sc.gov; Ira Lustbader <ilustbader@childrensrights.org>; Kate Wood <kwood@childrensrights.org>; Michael Montgomery <mmontgomery@sowellgray.com>; mrichardson@wyche.com; sberk@scjustice.org; Stephen Suggs <SSuggs@scjustice.org>; Davis, Taron <Taron.Davis@dss.sc.gov>; Monty Todd <mtodd@sowellgray.com>; Whit\_McGreevy@scd.uscourts.gov; Michael\_Duffy@scd.uscourts.gov; Butch Bowers <Butch@ButchBowers.com>  
Cc: Teresa Barnes <tbarnes@sowellgray.com>  
Subject: RE: Conference Call In Info for Monday, 5/16 at 2:00 p.m.

For the convenience of everyone, we have reserved our conference call line for Monday, 5/16, at 2:00 p.m. Call in Info is:

Call In Number: 803-255-8665  
Call Number to Join: 1  
Password: 13579# (please be sure to press # to connect)

Internal Dial In: 2401

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Sent: Friday, May 13, 2016 12:14 PM  
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Subject: Response to Plaintiffs' Counter Offer on Attorney Fees paid over time

Dear Judge Duffy and Counsel for Plaintiffs,

I apologize for not communicating on Wednesday as anticipated whether we would have a response by today (Friday) or Monday. In fact we will need til Monday and look forward to speaking to you then (Monday at 2:00).

With warm regards,

Tony

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