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To: [Becky Laffitteblaffitte@sowellgray.com](mailto:Becky.Laffitteblaffitte@sowellgray.com)  
Date: 9/12/2016 5:26:46 PM  
Subject: Re: DSS September 7 CONFIDENTIAL ATTORNEY-CLIENT COMMUNICATION

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Thanks Becky b

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Direct 803-734-8465

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 12, 2016, at 5:19 PM, Becky Laffitte <[blaffitte@sowellgray.com](mailto:blaffitte@sowellgray.com)> wrote:

Richele:

Still waiting to hear from the others so please don't change your schedule yet. Take care B

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From: Taylor, Richele [<mailto:RicheleTaylor@gov.sc.gov>]  
Sent: Monday, September 12, 2016 5:17 PM  
To: Becky Laffitte <[blaffitte@sowellgray.com](mailto:blaffitte@sowellgray.com)>  
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I have a 10 internal meeting, but I can move it if needed. I have a 1 and 2 that I can't move.

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On Sep 12, 2016, at 5:12 PM, Becky Laffitte <[blaffitte@sowellgray.com](mailto:blaffitte@sowellgray.com)> wrote:

I'll wait to hear from everyone on their availability. Thanks and have a nice evening. B

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Before 1:00 works for me...

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I am so sorry to bother all of you about scheduling this meeting, BUT Becky's day tomorrow just cleared up so if tomorrow works for everyone, can we please set the meeting for some time then?

Please let me hear from you as soon as possible as I recall this one of the days that seemed to work for everyone (Tuesday morning).

Thanks!

Carenn

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From: Carenn Moore  
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So, apparently, we are the ones to put a "kink" in the plans! Becky and Monty are both out of town next Tuesday. Monty is available on Wednesday, September 21 (at any time) and also in the morning on Thursday, September 22. Would one of these work for everyone?

Carenn

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From: Carenn Moore

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Hi – unfortunately, Becky has a mediation in Spartanburg Tuesday (begins at 10:00). As soon as Robin returns from lunch, I'll check to see if Monty is available.

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Sorry, e-mail address is [Richeletaylor@gov.sc.gov](mailto:Richeletaylor@gov.sc.gov).

On Thu, Sep 8, 2016 at 12:53 PM, Holly Pisarik <[holly@pisariklawfirm.com](mailto:holly@pisariklawfirm.com)> wrote:

Of the times proposed by Tony, Thursday works best for me. I will be at an all day DSS meeting on Wednesday and out of town on Friday. I will already be in Columbia on Tuesday afternoon for another meeting, if Tuesday morning would work.

Yes, please include Richele Taylor as the Governor's new Chief Legal Counsel. Her e-mail address is [Richele@gov.sc.gov](mailto:Richele@gov.sc.gov).

Thanks, Holly

On Wed, Sep 7, 2016 at 4:04 PM, Catone, Tony <[Tony.Catone@dss.sc.gov](mailto:Tony.Catone@dss.sc.gov)> wrote:

Thanks Becky—I agree a conference would be beneficial. Wed., Thurs., or Fri. of next week work best for me right now (Thursday a.m.).

One other note, and I believe Holly would best speak to it, is whether we should begin to

include Richele Taylor, the new Chief Counsel for the Governor's Office, in our meeting/conference.

With warm regards,

Tony

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Good afternoon, Tony, Amanda Butch and Holly:

We hope this email finds you well. With the recent influx of letters about the proposed Settlement, we thought it may be good to get together several weeks before October 4 to strategize....Please let us know what may work with your calendars.

Also, thought you'd find of interest that Kathryn Wood has been reviewing documents we produced in Sharefile. (see above) We suspect it has to do with the recent letters received in support and or opposition to the proposed Settlement

As October 4 is just around the corner, we look forward to conferencing in the near

future about the hearing. Best, Becky

these two emails from ShareFile indicate that Kathryn Wood from Children's Rights has accessed the documents (either viewed or downloaded) referenced in these two e-mails.