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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA **COUNTY OF CHARLESTON**	)	**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS** **NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**
James C. ("Chris") McNeil and Meaghan Poyer, **Plaintiffs,**	)	**Civil Action No. 2025-CP-10-05095** **FORMAL PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF SCANNERGATE FILING SCAN QUALITY TESTING PORTAL FOR PRO SE IN SOUTH CAROLINA**
v. **SAC 181, LLC,** **Meridian Residential Group, LLC,** **Adam W. Bayles, individually,** **Tara Bayles, individually, and** **MRG Investing Company LLC** **Defendants.**	)	

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Free Tools for South Carolina Pro Se Evidence Clarity.

***Pro se* litigants in the South Carolina state court system can now upload docketed pdfs of their filings to test the scan quality at Scannergate.com.** A Sample of the report the portal produces is in Exhibit A. [Exhibit A: Scan Quality Report of US Supreme Court Petition]

SCAN-MODE FLAG STRIP

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ALL MODES	GRAY+COLOR	GRAY+COLOR	COLOR ONLY	COLOR ONLY

A only = 1-BIT BITONAL A + B + C = 8-BIT GRAYSCALE A + B + C + D + E = COLOR

Self-represented parties navigating the SC State Court system can also download the full page "Scan-Mode Verification Target" to include with visual exhibits [Exhibit B: Full page and Strip Scan Quality Tests for Pro Se Filings] or the above "Scan-Mode Flag Strip" image, which can be used on each page, as we are here, so that the scan quality is immediately visible to anyone reading the docket.

The Reason for These Scan Quality Assessment Tools

An audit of Plaintiff filings has discovered the majority of the pages from their filings in *McNeil and Poyer v. SAC 181, LLC et al.* were scanned in with 1980s fax compression technology: 1 bit bitonal scanning, where every pixel is flattened to one of two values: black or white. The constitutionality of this is being put before the Supreme Court of the United States of America with the recently submitted Petition for Writ of Certiorari currently before the United States Supreme Court (docket number pending).

A Bridge to the Future

Plaintiffs expect that pro se will have access to e-filing in South Carolina in the near future, and offer these free tools as a bridge to help the court reduce waste and improve public trust by reducing the disparity between e-filed documents by attorneys and hand-filed pro se filings. Unlike pro se, attorneys' e-filed documents maintain the quality of the digital files and have text that can be searched and indexed by AI and search engine crawlers, increasing its visibility.

Respectfully submitted this 4th day of September, 2026.

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EXHIBIT A

Scan Fidelity Report of a scan of a Supreme Court of the United States of America Petition for Writ of Certiorari

As measured and reported on at Scannergate.com

By analyzing the file metadata and image layers, the software automatically identifies whether evidence has been compressed into the 1-bit bitonal tier and if the native text utility has been stripped away. Cryptography is used to ensure evidentiary provenance of the document.

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The scan the following report was generated from:

This scan report resulted from the 9th Circuit Charleston, SC Court of Common Pleas degrading a U.S. Supreme Court document that addresses their document degradation.

On August 19, 2026, Plaintiffs provided the 9th Circuit Court of Common Pleas with a native-digital courtesy copy of a Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the U.S. Supreme Court via email.

The petition's central constitutional question? Whether the court's practice of forcing unrepresented litigants through a scanning pipeline which systematically destroys photographic evidence and strips searchable text violates the 14th Amendment.

The court's response? On the next day, they took the pristine, text-searchable PDF, which they had no legal obligation to docket, and printed out the digital file onto paper, so they could then scan it in with a1-bit bitonal degradation process (based on limited bandwidth 1980s fax machine technology) and create a new, degraded, digital file. Which they docketed.

Original and scanned versions of the Petition for Writ of Certiorari are available for comparison at **Scannergate.com/visible**.

SCAN FIDELITY RESULTS

Whole-document fidelity class: Mixed. 0 full color page(s), 2 grayscale page(s), 115 one-bit bitonal page(s), 0 mixed page(s), and 0 page(s) without embedded page-image XObjects.
BITONAL 115 GRAY 2 COLOR 0
Each row aggregates the page-image measurements for one PDF page.

PER-PAGE MEASUREMENTS

Page	Color class	Bits per component	Filter or encoding	Effective DPI X	Effective DPI Y
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EXHIBIT B

Full page and Strip Scan Quality Tests for Pro Se Filings

Below is a “Scan Quality Test Strip” which instantly indicates scan quality to anyone viewing a pro se docket filing in the state-level court system in South Carolina.

A pristine version of it is available for download at no charge and with no registration of any kind required at

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Following is a full page scan quality test that could be inserted with exhibits including critical visual evidence like photographs. It is also available at no charge and with no registration required at scannergate.com

SCAN-MODE VERIFICATION TARGET

Read the scanned copy of this page. Which panels survived tells you the capture mode.

PANEL 1 — MODE FLAGS

A

ALL MODES

Control. Always readable.

B

GRAY
COLOR

9% gray on white. Clipped to white at 1-bit.

C

GRAY
COLOR

88% gray on black. Clipped to black at 1-bit.

D

COLOR
ONLY

Isoluminant blue on gray. Flat in grayscale, black at 1-bit.

PANEL 2 — BITONAL THRESHOLD LADDER

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PANEL 3 — COLOR DISCRIMINATION

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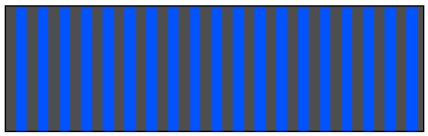
Same test on the light side of the tone curve. Word visible = color.



Vertical stripes visible = color. Flat block = grayscale or 1-bit.

PANEL 4 — RESOLUTION AND STROKE SURVIVAL

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READING THE RESULT

Only A readable; ladder collapses to pure black/white	**1-BIT BITONAL**
A, B and C readable; Panel 3 reads as three flat patches	**8-BIT GRAYSCALE**
A, B, C and D readable; Panel 3 words and stripes visible	**COLOR**

Print at 100% scale. Do not resize after pasting. Panel geometry is calibrated at 300 dpi.