Samuel Jonathan WATSON v. STATE of Arkansas

655 S.W.2d 458

Supreme Court of Arkansas Opinion delivered July 18, 1983

APPEAL & ERROR — MOTION FOR BELATED APPEAL — ADMISSION OF MISTAKE BY ATTORNEY GOOD CAUSE FOR GRANTING. — An admission by an attorney for a criminal defendant that the appeal was not perfected as required due to a mistake on his part is good cause to grant a motion for belated appeal.

Motion for Belated Appeal; motion granted.

Mathis & Childers, by: Travis Mathis, for appellant.

Steve Clark, Atty. Gen., by: Alice Ann Burns, Asst. Atty. Gen., for appellee.

PER CURIAM. Samuel Jonathan Watson's motion for a belated appeal is granted because the trial court found that

his attorney below, Wayne R. Williams, had failed to perfect his appeal as required. A copy of this per curiam is forwarded to the Committee on Professional Ethics in accordance with the practice we have heretofore established.