

The Supreme Court of South Carolina

Travelers Property Casualty Company of America,
Plaintiff/Counter Defendant,

v.

Barbara Hawthorne, as personal representative of the
Estate of Nathaniel Hawthorne, Jr., Defendant/Counter
Claimant.


Appellate Case No. 2022-000887

ORDER

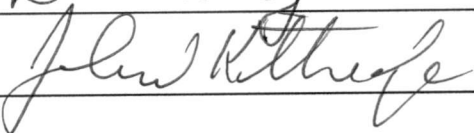
Pursuant to Rule 244, SCACR, the Court will answer the following question certified to this Court by order of the Honorable Donald C. Coggins, Jr, United States District Court Judge for the District of South Carolina, Greenville Division:

If a law enforcement officer stops a motorist on a public highway, and during that traffic stop directs the motorist to exit his vehicle and to approach the officer's adjacent vehicle to provide his vehicle registration card, is the motorist an 'insured' for purposes of Underinsured Motorist Coverage when he is struck by a passing vehicle on the public highway while standing at the officer's vehicle?


The parties shall proceed to serve and file briefs as provided by Rule 244(e), SCACR. The parties are reminded Rule 244, SCACR, does not provide for the filing of initial brief; therefore, only final briefs should be filed in this matter.

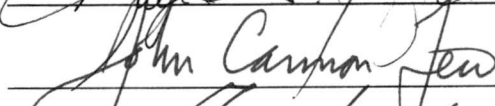



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