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VIA Electronic Mail

RE: Gregory Hopkins and Amy Hopkins vs. Jaime Hood-Hopkins, 2022-000577

Dear Clerk:

This letter is in response to the Court's directive in the Order filed on July 26, 2066 to provide an update in this case regarding an incomplete transcript. We provided a letter (see attached) asking for guidance to Judge Eugene Griffith of the Laurens County Court of Common Pleas on August 1st. We are awaiting his response.

With kind regards,

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W.F. Patridge, III, counsel for Respondents *via electronic mail*  
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Gregory and Amy Hopkins, *via U.S. Mail*



August 1, 2022

The Honorable Eugene C. Griffith, Jr.,  
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RE: *Gregory Hopkins and Amy Hopkins v. Jaime Hood Hopkins, Case No. 2021-CP-30-0964*

Your Honor:

Please find attached an Order from the South Carolina Court of Appeals regarding, in part, an incomplete transcript for a hearing that was held on April 12, 2022 before you. The case was an appeal of a restraining order for a minor child that was granted by Magistrates Court. The transcript from that hearing is incomplete and the Court of Appeals remanded the case back to you to resolve this issue.

My co-counsel and I respectfully propose, as you suggested in the attached email dated May 20, 2022, that the appeal be based on the pleadings, statutes, and memorandum of law that were submitted in the case, but that the partial transcript also be relied upon. Appellant has submitted her brief in the appeal and in part relies on the partial transcript, so it is our position that it needs to be stipulated to, as well. Lastly, there was no ruling on our client's Motion to Dismiss in the appeal, which we would ask to be stipulated to for purposes of agreement about the record. We are in agreement that another hearing is not needed.

We look forward to your guidance on this matter and are happy to proceed as you indicate.

Respectfully,

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Fri, May 20, 2022 at 4:58 P

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Dear Ms. Greenfield:

My recollection of the hearing is that a discussion was had among all parties trying to discern what was being appealed from the magistrate's order and why a petition to intervene was filed. I am very certain that no testimony was taken from anyone in this hearing. It is my further recollection that it was ruled that a petition to intervene was not appropriate since your client was a party to the original action. It was further ruled that my decision would be to decide whether the magistrate had "subject matter jurisdiction" or not. If he did.. the order would be valid. If he did not... the matter would be remanded.

My suggestion is that all of the attorneys agree to appeal that my ruling on the pleadings and the statutes and cases which you both submitted via memorandum and emails. This is very similar to when a trial judge ruled on motions without a hearing but considers the briefs, case law, and statutes.

I do not think any of the arguments of counsel are needed to make an appeal unless you think I did not consider a case or statute in my ruling. If you believe that my summary above is inconsistent with your recollection, please so advise.

Hope this is helpful. Best

ECG

Sent from my iPhone

On May 20, 2022, at 4:39 PM, shanise greenfield <greenfieldlawoffice@gmail.com> wrote:

\*\*\* EXTERNAL EMAIL: This email originated from outside the organization. Please exercise caution before clicking any links or opening attachments. \*\*\*

Good Afternoon Your Honor,

I hope this email finds you well. I was notified after submitting a transcript request to Court Administration and the necessary parties that the hearing you presided over on April 12, 2022 in Circuit Court in Laurens County, was not recorded in its entirety. The Court Reporter Manager, Tammie Holmes, stated that the hearing needs to be re-created because only your voice was picked up on audio. If you could, please advise on what you will have us do to re-create the record for purposes of obtaining a transcript for the pending Court of Appeals Case.

Thank You,

Shanise Greenfield, Esq.

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Subject: RE: Revised Transcript Request (Previously Sent on 5/12/22)

Good afternoon,

You would need to talk with Judge Griffith about re-creating the hearing.

Thank you,

Tammie M. Holmes