

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
COUNTY OF LAURENS )  
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Gregory D. Hopkins and, )  
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Amy N. Hopkins, )  
Appellants )  
v. )  
) )  
Jaime Hood-Hopkins, )  
Respondent )

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

**ORDER REGARDING  
TRANSCRIPT**

2021-CP-30-0964



This Court issued an Order of Appeal Reversing and Remanding in this matter, which involves an appeal of a restraining order issued in Magistrates Court, on April 26, 2022. Respondent filed an appeal of that order to the South Carolina Court of Appeals. Respondent filed a Notice of Partial Transcript Of Proceedings & Motion To Request Instructions For Reconstruction Of Proceedings in Appellate Case No. 2022-000577. Respondent’s motion was based upon notice from the court reporter manager that the audio from the WebEx recording from the April 26, 2022. The recording of the hearing could not be transcribed verbatim in its entirety because only the voice of the presiding judge was recorded. The audio of the arguments and statements of counsel were not recorded. The Court of Appeals issued an order on July 26, 2022 which, in part, remanded the appeal to this court and instructed counsel for Respondent to contact counsel for Appellants and the circuit court within ten days of that order to schedule such hearings as this court deemed appropriate.

This Court understands that the Transcript of Record that was prepared from a recording of the hearing which was conducted on April 12, 2022. The Court is aware that the partial transcript was prepared and submitted with accompanying Certificate of Reporter Penny M. Johnson dated May 27, 2022. The Court has reviewed the notes taken at the hearing. Absolutely no testimony was taken at the hearing. The Court deemed at the hearing that the issue before it to be a legal issue *i.e.* whether the magistrate’s court had subject matter jurisdiction on not. No hearing has been held to reconstruct the transcript as the Court did not base its decision on any facts. This Court issued the order remanding the

case back to the magistrate's court based upon the common law and statutory law of South Carolina. The Court considered the memoranda and emails to the Court from counsel which provided references to cases and the statutes cited in the order.

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Eugene C. Griffith, Jr.  
Judge of the Circuit Court  
Eighth Judicial Circuit

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