

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
In The Supreme Court

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APPEAL FROM THE SOUTH CAROLINA  
Workers' Compensation Commission

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S.C. SUPREME COURT

Unpublished Opinion No. 2022-UP-437 (S.C. Ct. App. filed December 7, 2022)

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Nicholas B. Thompson, Employee, Respondent,

v.

Bluffton Township Fire District, Employer, and State Accident Fund, Carrier, Petitioners

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JOINT PETITION FOR STAY PENDING MEDIATION

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Petitioners filed a Petition For Writ of Certiorari to this Court on April 19, 2023, after the Court of Appeals issued an Order denying a rehearing on March 23, 2023. The Petition for Writ of Certiorari was served on the Respondent on April 19, 2023. Pursuant to Rule 242(f), SCACR, Respondent has thirty (30) days after service to file a Return.

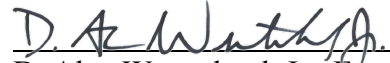
Counsel for Respondent and Counsel for Petitioners are engaged in settlement discussions and are actively working to schedule a mediation. Respondent and Petitioners jointly and respectfully request, pursuant to Rule 261(c), SCACR, the Court Stay these proceedings for ninety (90) days to allow a meaningful opportunity to settle this case. In the event a settlement is not reached, Respondent will file a return within ninety (90) days from the issuance of the Court's Order to Stay.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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