

Edward Prince et al
PLAINTIFF(S)

Windy Hill Volunteer Fire Company et al
DEFENDANT(S)

DISPOSITION TYPE (CHECK ONE)

- JURY VERDICT.** This action came before the court for a trial by jury. The issues have been tried and a verdict rendered.
- DECISION BY THE COURT.** This action came to trial or hearing before the court. The issues have been tried or heard and a decision rendered.
- ACTION DISMISSED (CHECK REASON):** Rule 12(b), SCRCP; Rule 41(a), SCRCP (Vol. Nonsuit); Rule 43(k), SCRCP (Settled);
 Other
- ACTION STRICKEN (CHECK REASON):** Rule 40(j), SCRCP; Bankruptcy;
 Binding arbitration, subject to right to restore to confirm, vacate or modify arbitration award;
 Other
- STAYED DUE TO BANKRUPTCY**
- DISPOSITION OF APPEAL TO THE CIRCUIT COURT (CHECK APPLICABLE BOX):**
 Affirmed; Reversed; Remanded;
 Other

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IT IS ORDERED AND ADJUDGED: See attached order (formal order to follow) Statement of Judgment by the Court:

In response to Plaintiff's Post Trial Motions the Court respectfully denies the same for the following reasons;

1. The prior orders of Judge Nellies were clear and concise in limiting the obtaining of further experts well outside of the time set by the rules for doing so.
2. A pretrial bifurcation hearing was held well before the trial week and it was consented to that the trial be bifurcated.
3. Causation testimony by the Plaintiff's expert was prohibited in accordance with the witnesses area of expertise as plainly drawn out by SCDOT's attorney during voir dire of the witness. It was clear from the witness's own admission that he did not evaluate the matter for causation.
4. The Court stands by its decision to grant a Directed Verdict in favor of the SCDOT based on the lack of evidence and the law.
5. The argument that was attempted to be made by Plaintiff's attorney during closing arguments was clearly not a reasonable inference that could be drawn from any evidence in the..

ORDER INFORMATION

This order ends does not end the case. See Page 2 for additional information.

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Matt Eagan Agent Of Windy Hill Volunteer Fire Company

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case, especially from the exhibit that the argument was pertaining to. This decision was reached in camera and outside the presence of the jury after careful review of the exhibit.

6. The instructions to the jury regarding the verdict form were in conformity with the language given in the jury charge, which was not objected to by either side after a lengthy charge conference.

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H. Steven DeBerry, IV

Circuit Court Judge 2771

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