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September 8, 2021

Via electronic mail only
Joe Adams, Jr.

RE: Estate of Joe Adams, Sr.

Dear Mr. Adams,

Please find attached a filed copy of the Order in connection with the above referenced estate. It is my understanding that you were provided with a copy by the Probate Court earlier today.

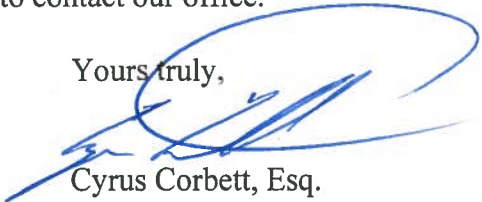
Please refer to Paragraphs 3,4, 5 and 6 which state that upon 48 hours' notice, Ms. Ogbuneke shall have the right to enter the property accompanied by a neutral third party for the purpose of inspecting the property and the vehicles to prepare the Inventory and Appraisement for the estate. Paragraph 5 specifically states that you are not to interfere with this process.

You were notified by email on Friday, September 3, 2021 that Ms. Ogbuneke would be at the property on September 8 or 9, 2021 for the purpose of conducting the Inventory. Our office has provided you with ample notice of Ms. Ogbuneke's intended visit.

If you fail to comply with the Court's Order, my client will be forced to seek additional relief from the court.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Yours truly,


Cyrus Corbett, Esq.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF YORK

IN THE PROBATE COURT

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Case No.: 2021-ES-46-00777

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Joe Louis Adams Jr.,

Applicant,

Betty Ogbuneke,

Respondent,

IN THE MATTER OF:

Joe Lewis Adams Sr.

**ORDER ON AN APPLICATION FOR
RESTRAINT AND
PERFORMANCE OF PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE**

This matter comes before the Court with a filing of an Application for the Restraint and Performance on July 12, 2021 seeking the restraint and performance or removal of Betty Ogbuneke as Personal Representative of the Estate of Joe Adams, Sr. A hearing was held August 31, 2021.

The Applicant appeared *pro se*. The Respondent, Betty Ogbuneke, was present with her attorney Cyrus Corbett. Other family members were also present. The Personal Representative and her husband were called by the Applicant as witnesses.

The Application initially requested a restraining order, removal of the Personal Representative, and a determination by the Court that the Decedent's Will was invalid. At the hearing, the Applicant stated he did not wish to dispute the Will. As the Applicant did not file a summons and petition for removal pursuant to S. C. Code Ann. §62-3-611, an action for removal was not before the Court. The only action before the Court is the Application for restraint and performance.

At the close of the Applicant's case, the Respondent's attorney made a Motion for a directed verdict. After considering the testimony presented along with the pleadings, the Court granted a directed verdict finding that the Applicant failed to present competent evidence to prove that the Personal Representative's Application for Appointment and Probate of the Will was legally

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insufficient or that, to date, the Personal Representative had committed malfeasance in the performance of her duties. The Personal Representative testified that she had mailed or delivered the Information to Heirs and Devisees (hereinafter referred to as the Information) but had not yet filed a Proof of Delivery of the Information, nor had she filed an Inventory and Appraisement.

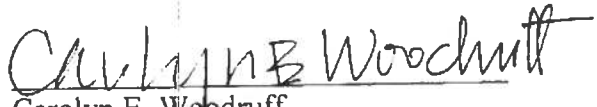
IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The Personal Representative shall file a Proof of Delivery of the Information no later than Friday, September 3, 2021.
2. The Personal Representative shall file an Inventory and Appraisement of the Decedent's assets within fourteen (14) days of the entry of this Order which includes all real and personal property owned by the Decedent. She shall reference real property by recording information and tax map number, and include any vehicles owned by the Decedent and all other identifiable personal property. If the Personal Representative is unable to determine what household and personal effects were located on the Decedent's property at the time of his death, she shall nevertheless file the Inventory and amend or supplement it as necessary. The Court shall determine whether a bond is necessary after the Inventory is filed.
3. After giving at least forty-eight (48) hours notice to the Applicant by phone, email or text, the Personal Representative shall have the right to enter the interior of the Decedent's property including home(s) or storage buildings located at 721 Ogden Road, Rock Hill, South Carolina for the purpose of completing the Inventory
4. With forty-eight (48) hours notice by phone, email or text to the Applicant, the Personal Representative shall have the right to enter the Decedent's property to inspect and evaluate vehicles or other property of the Estate, and the Applicant shall

deliver any keys for the Decedent's vehicles which are in his possession to the Personal Representative.

5. The Applicant shall not interfere with the ability of the Personal Representative to fulfill her duties to the Estate and shall not prevent her access to the Decedent's real and personal property.
6. If the Personal Representative enters the Decedent's real property, she may be accompanied by neutral third parties, including but not limited to off duty police officers, appraisers, or other agents in order to accomplish her duties as Personal Representative.

September 8, 2021
York, South Carolina


Carolyn E. Woodruff
Judge of Probate

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

COUNTY OF YORK

CIVIL ACTION NO: 2021-CP-46-02764

Joe L. Adams Jr.,

Petitioner,

v.

Betty Ogbuneke,

Respondent,

IN THE MATTER OF Joe L. Adams Sr..

ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL

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SC Court of Appeals

This matter comes before the Court upon an appeal from the York County Probate Court filed by Petitioner Adams on September 9, 2021. A Motion to Dismiss the Appeal was filed thereafter on October 4, 2021 by Respondent Ogbuneke. Grounds for the Motion to Dismiss were that the appeal was procedurally insufficient, and that the Petitioner failed to claim an issue that could be properly heard on appeal.

After hearing arguments from the parties as to the Motion to Dismiss, this Court finds that the Petitioner has failed to properly file his appeal pursuant to South Carolina Code Ann. § 62-1-308 (b) and has failed to state a claim that would be an appealable issue and therefore dismisses the appeal with prejudice.

Petitioner Adams has also filed on February 28, 2022 a confusing document labeled a "Motion & Opposition to Hearing February 1, 2022 Opposition to Order request for New Hearing with Formal Probate and Not Informal Probate." The filing is addressed to "To the Probate Court of York County" and is an admixture of complaints about the Probate Court's Ruling, complaints about Respondent's proposed order, and complaints about this Court's oral ruling. Construing this filing in the most favorable light to Petitioner as a motion to reconsider this Court's oral ruling, it is DENIED.

MOTION DENIED, APPEAL DISMISSED.

SO ORDERED.



York Common Pleas

Case Caption: Joe L Adams Jr VS Betty Ogbuneke

Case Number: 2021CP4602764

Type: Order/Other

So Ordered

/s William A. McKinnon, #2761, Circuit Judge

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF: YORK

IN THE MATTER OF:
JOE LOUIS ADAMS SR.
(Decedent)

IN THE PROBATE COURT

CASE NUMBER: 2021ES4600777

***COMPLETE THIS SECTION ONLY IF FILING PETITION
FOR FORMAL TESTACY AND/OR FORMAL APPOINTMENT**

Petitioner(s)

vs.

Respondent(s)

APPLICATION FOR INFORMAL

(check any that apply)

- ☒ PROBATE OF WILL
☒ APPOINTMENT

***PETITION FOR FORMAL**

- ☐ TESTACY
☐ APPOINTMENT

If this is a formal filing, please explain on page 4 or attach pleadings pursuant to SC Rules of Civil Procedure.

***NOTE: IF THIS IS A FORMAL PROCEEDING, IN ADDITION TO THIS FORM PETITION, YOU MUST ALSO FILE A SUMMONS (FORM SCCA 401PC), AND PAY THE STATUTORY FILING FEE OF \$150.00. A HEARING IN THE PROBATE COURT ON THE PETITION MAY BE REQUIRED.**

I. ALL APPLICANTS/PETITIONERS MUST COMPLETE THIS SECTION.

1. Applicant/Petitioner(s): BETTY LAVERNE OGBUNEKE
Address: 6218 IDLEBROOK DR. , CHARLOTTE, NC 28212
Telephone (Work): _____
(Home): _____
(Cell): (704)562-9564
Email: _____
Relationship to Decedent: DAUGHTER

2. Decedent Information:

Full Legal Name
(including all known names): JOE LOUIS ADAMS SR.
Date of Birth: 6/26/1936
Date of Death: 2/12/2021
Age at Date of Death: 84

3. Venue for this proceeding is proper in this County because:

- ☒ Decedent was domiciled in this County at date of death:
Address: 721 OGDEN ROAD, ROCK HILL, SC 29730 County: YORK State: South Carolina
☐ Decedent was **not** domiciled in **South Carolina**, but property of Decedent was located in this County
at date of death at:
Address: _____ County: YORK State: South Carolina
☐ Decedent has a right to take legal action in this County because:

If the above address is the address of a nursing home, prison, or other residential facility, please give the last address of the Decedent prior to entering a facility:

4(a). Names and addresses of beneficiaries (devisees) named in the Will.

Full Legal Name (including all known names)	Year of Birth	Full Address	Email Address	Relationship to Decedent
Betty Laverne Ogbuneke		6218 Idlebrook Dr. Charlotte, NC 28212	Godsgift924@gmail.com	Daughter
Joe Louis Adams, Jr.		721 Ogden Road Rock Hill, SC 29730	TJ_malik@yahoo.com	Son

☐ See attached for additional devisees (check if applicable).

4(b). Names and addresses of intestate heirs who are not devisees (persons who inherit if Decedent left no Will).

Full Legal Name (including all known names)	Year of Birth	Full Address	Email Address	Relationship to Decedent
See attachment **				

☐ See attached for additional intestate heirs (check if applicable).

4(c). Did all of the above persons survive one hundred and twenty (120) hours since the death of Decedent?

☒ YES ☐ NO If no, please explain on page 4.

5. Did Decedent have any change of marital status or the birth or adoption of any children after execution of this Will, if one exists, or has any child of the Decedent been born since his/her death, or is any birth of a child of the Decedent anticipated? (This includes illegitimate children.)

☒ NO ☐ YES If yes, please explain, on page 4.

6. To the best of your knowledge, was the Decedent a patient in a non-private State of South Carolina mental health facility during his/her lifetime?

☒ NO ☐ YES If yes, please explain, on page 4.

7. Has a Guardian or Conservator ever been appointed by a Court for this person?

☒ NO ☐ YES If yes, please explain on page 4.

8. Has a Personal Representative of the Decedent been appointed prior to this date by a Court in this state or elsewhere?

☒ NO ☐ YES If yes, please state details, including name and address of such Personal Representative on page 4.

9. Have you received or are you aware of any Demands for Notice (FORM #111ES D) of any probate or appointment proceeding concerning the Decedent that may have been filed in this state or elsewhere?

☒ NO ☐ YES If yes, please state details, including names and addresses on page 4.

10. Have more than ten (10) years passed since the Decedent's death?

☒ NO ☐ YES If yes, please state circumstances authorizing tardy probate on page 4.

11(a). Did the Decedent own probate real estate?

☐ NO ☒ YES If yes, an approximate value of \$_____ (Note: A complete inventory of probate assets with fair market values is to be filed after Personal Representative is appointed.)

11(b). Did the Decedent own probate personal property?

☐ NO ☒ YES If yes, an approximate value of \$_____ (Note: A complete inventory of probate assets with fair market values is to be filed after Personal Representative is appointed.)

11(c). Are you seeking appointment as Personal Representative in order to pursue civil litigation on behalf of the Decedent's estate? Is there a civil litigation attorney?

☒ NO ☐ YES If yes, please provide the name of the civil litigation attorney: _____

11(d). At the time of Decedent's death, was he or she involved in any pending civil litigation? Is there a civil litigation attorney?

☒ NO ☐ YES If yes, please state the circumstances and name of attorney on page 4.

11(e). If you answered NO to questions 11(a) - 11(d) above, but are seeking the appointment of a Personal Representative, please explain why the appointment is requested on page 4.

12. Have you made a diligent search for a Will of the Decedent?

☒ YES
☐ NO If no, please explain on page 4.

II. IF A WILL EXISTS, PLEASE COMPLETE THIS SECTION.

1. Regarding the Decedent's Will:

- ☐ The original is attached.
- ☒ The original is in the Court's possession.
- ☐ An exemplified (authenticated) copy of a Will probated in another jurisdiction is attached.
- ☐ An exemplified (authenticated) copy of a Will not probated in another jurisdiction is attached.
- ☐ The original of the Will is lost, destroyed, or otherwise unavailable, however, a copy or a description of its contents is attached. (for formal proceeding, explain below or attach supplemental pleadings)

2. The execution date of the Will was: 09/11/1979
Codicil(s): _____

3. Is there a memorandum that disposes of tangible personal property pursuant to 62-2-512?

☒ NO ☐ YES If yes, attach hereto.

4. To the best of your knowledge, do you believe the Will listed above is the Decedent's validly executed last Will?

☒ YES ☐ NO If no, please explain on page 4.

5. To the best of your knowledge, is any witness to the will an "interested witness" (i.e., does the will make any devise to a witness, a witness's spouse, or a witness's issue)?

☒ NO ☐ YES If yes, please explain on page 4.

COMPLETE EXPLANATION(S) FOR QUESTIONS IN SECTIONS I and II HERE.

(If more space is required, use additional sheets.)

III. IF APPLYING FOR INFORMAL OR FORMAL APPOINTMENT, PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING.

1. If the Applicant/Petitioner is not the proposed Personal Representative(s), list name and address of the person you are proposing be appointed as the fiduciary:

2. Priority for appointment of the proposed Personal Representative (whether applicant or nominee) is:
 - ☒ named as Primary Personal Representative in Will
 - ☐ named as Alternate Personal Representative in Will
 - ☐ nominee of Primary Personal Representative in Will
 - ☐ nominee of Alternate Personal Representative in Will
 - ☐ surviving spouse of Decedent who is devisee of Decedent or nominee of said spouse
 - ☐ other devisee of Decedent (describe): _____ or nominee of said devisee
 - ☐ surviving spouse of Decedent or nominee of said spouse
 - ☐ other heir of Decedent (describe): _____ or nominee of said heir
 - ☐ creditor (forty-five (45) days after death must have passed) or nominee of creditor; written statement of claim, FORM 371ES, is attached
 - ☐ other (describe): _____
3. List below the name(s) of any other person(s), if any, having an equal or higher priority of appointment than the proposed Personal Representative:

IV. ALL APPLICANTS/PETITIONERS MUST COMPLETE VERIFICATION.

VERIFICATION

The undersigned, being sworn, states that the facts set forth in the foregoing statement are true to the best of the undersigned's knowledge, information and belief, and hereby submits to the Court's jurisdiction in this matter.

SWORN to before me this 27 day
of May, 2021



Notary Public for South Carolina
My Commission Expires: 08/24/2022

Signature of
Applicant/Petitioner:



SWORN to before me this _____ day
of _____, 20____

Signature of Co-
Applicant/Co-Petitioner: _____

Notary Public for South Carolina
My Commission Expires: _____

ORDER OF INFORMAL PROBATE

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the above application for probate of a Will executed 09/11/1979 and

- ☐ Codicil executed _____ and
☐ Memorandum

be informally ☒ GRANTED ☐ DENIED.

Executed this 27 day of May, 2021.

Carolyn E Woodruff

Carolyn E. Woodruff, Probate Court Judge

☐ For formal probate of Will, see separate order executed _____

ORDER OF INFORMAL APPOINTMENT

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the above Application for Appointment be granted upon the filing of an appropriate bond, if applicable, and upon the signing of the Qualification and Statement of Acceptance of appointment.

Bond

- ☐ Fiduciary Bond in the amount of \$ _____
☒ Bond not required for Personal Representative nominated by Will
☐ Bond not required as Personal Representative is sole heir or sole devisee
☐ Bond not required as Personal Representative is state agency, bank, or trust company
☐ Bond waivers filed
☐ See order dated _____
☐ Other: _____

Notice to Creditors

- ☒ Required
☐ Not Required

Executed this 27 day of May, 2021.

Carolyn E Woodruff

Carolyn E. Woodruff, Probate Court Judge

☐ For formal appointment of Personal Representative, see separate order executed _____

QUALIFICATION AND STATEMENT OF ACCEPTANCE

I accept this appointment and agree to perform the duties and discharge the trust of the office of Personal Representative of this estate. I further submit personally to the jurisdiction of the Court in any proceeding relating to the Estate.

Signature: 
Print Name: BETTY LAVERNE OGBURNE
Address: 6218 IDLEBROOK DR.
CHARLOTTE, NC 28212
Telephone (Work): _____
(Home): _____
(Cell): (704)562-9564
Email: _____

Signature: _____
Print Name: _____
Address: _____
Telephone (Work): _____
(Home): PR2HPhone»
(Cell): _____
Email: _____

*Attorney: _____
Address: _____
Telephone: _____
Email: _____

Cheryl A. Smith, CVR-M

PO Box 80032
Simpsonville, SC 29680

June 18, 2022

Joe L. Adams
721 Ogden Road
Rock Hill, SC 29730

RE: Joe L. Adams, Jr., v. Betty Ogbuneke
Case #2021-CP-46-02764

Dear Mr. Adams,

Enclosed is the transcript you ordered in the above case. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Smith

Cheryl Smith, CVR-M
Circuit Court Reporter

Enclosures

Cc: transcripts@sccourts.org

) COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
) 2021-CP-46-02764

)

February 1, 2022
York, South Carolina

B E F O R E:

THE HONORABLE WILLIAM A. MCKINNON, JUDGE

A P P E A R A N C E S:

JOE L. ADAMS, JR.
Pro Se Petitioner

WILLIAM CYRUS CORBETT, ESQ.
Attorney for the Respondent

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There were no witnesses called.

EXHIBITS

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There were no exhibits introduced.

P R O C E E D I N G S

(WHEREUPON, proceedings commenced at 9:58 a.m.)

THE COURT: Okay. Tell me who is who.

MR. ADAMS: Joe Adams, Jr.

THE COURT: Okay. And, sir, you're Mr. Adams.
You're representing yourself?

MR. ADAMS: Yes, sir. I had actually filed for a
continuance so I could afford to get a lawyer to help me
with the case. Due to paying the taxes for this year and
I had to get another catalytic converter, it took -- it
exhausted my funds.

THE COURT: Yes, sir. I understand that Judge Hall
denied the continuance request. Okay.

And, yes, sir.

MR. CORBETT: I'm Cyrus Corbett on behalf of Betty
Ogbuneke.

THE COURT: Okay. And I have an appeal from probate
court, and I have a motion to dismiss. That's your
motion, Mr. Corbett. You want to start sir and tell
me ---

MR. ADAMS: Well, there is -- there is one more
document.

THE COURT: I'm sorry, sir? I ---

MR. ADAMS: There's still another document.

THE COURT: Mr. Adams, please don't interrupt me

1 again, okay?

2 All right. Yes, sir. All right. Now, you're
3 telling me there's another document. What do you mean by
4 that?

5 MR. ADAMS: Another document was filed in opposition
6 to his motion to dismiss after the continuance request was
7 denied.

8 THE COURT: Okay. Do you have it?

9 MR. ADAMS: Yes, sir. I have it right here.

10 THE COURT: Okay. You can walk up to the clerk and
11 hand it to Ms. Foster, please. Does Mr. Corbett have a
12 copy of it?

13 MR. ADAMS: Yes, sir.

14 THE COURT: Okay.

15 MR. CORBETT: Your Honor, we were served yesterday.

16 THE COURT: Okay. All right. Thank you. All right.
17 Mr. Corbett?

18 MR. CORBETT: May it please the Court, Your Honor.
19 We filed a motion to dismiss this appeal based on three
20 grounds. This is an appeal from probate court which was
21 the trier of fact in this. The appeal is housed in the
22 laws under 62-1-308. And in those laws it requires
23 appeals to be filed in a manner following 208(e)(1)(b)
24 which requires that Mr. Adams files a statement of issues
25 on appeal. That issue was never filed.

1 Further, Your Honor, the appeal is ten pages long,
2 and it is in no way organized pursuant to 308(e) which
3 provides that it should have a table of contents, a
4 statement of issues on appeal, statements of the case, a
5 standard of review, and argument and conclusion.

6 Your Honor, the reason why these are important is
7 because we are unable to form any sort of reply to this
8 when the entire ten pages of appeal is simply filled with
9 how he objects to the current ruling of the Court without
10 stating if it is a rule of law or a mistake from the lower
11 court as to which he filed this appeal. Your Honor, and
12 that reason, those two reasons have led us to the point
13 where we filed for a motion to dismiss under 12(b)(6) for
14 failure to state a claim according to South Carolina Code
15 annotated 62-1-308(i). It states that this court, the
16 Circuit Court shall hear and determine the appeal
17 according to the rules of law. Mr. Adams has not put
18 forward any basis of appeal in this case, and he simply
19 wishes to relitigate the issues.

20 And, Your Honor, as to the additional documents that
21 he has just handed up to the Court, he has sent these to
22 our office himself as of yesterday. We accept service,
23 Your Honor, but it goes to put forward the fact that he is
24 just trying to get all the information before this court
25 which is improper.

1 If you look under the rule in 308, I believe it's
2 (i), this court is not to consider any new basis of fact.
3 It is only for the basis of fact that was established at
4 the actual hearing. The rule of 308(i) actually states
5 that no new evidence may be presented at this hearing.
6 Your Honor, he puts forward a packet of, I believe, about
7 40 pages of new evidence. His appeal contains evidence
8 that he was unable to put into the record at the original
9 hearing. And for that reason and for the reason that we
10 really can't file a reply as to his appeal based on the
11 current nature of it, we would ask for it to be dismissed.

12 Thank you.

13 THE COURT: Okay. Hold on one second. Let me just
14 read here.

15 (Pause in proceedings.)

16 THE COURT: I'm struggling, and I've got the record,
17 to find the appeal. Is it the -- is it the document
18 that's entitled Additional Notation? Is that the ---

19 MR. CORBETT: No, Your Honor. It is titled Appeal of
20 Order on an Application for Restraint and Performance of
21 Personal Representative. It was filed on September 9th of
22 2021.

23 THE COURT: Okay. I'm looking. I'm not seeing it.
24 Give me just a second. Okay. I apologize.

25 MR. CORBETT: Your Honor, I do have a hard copy.

1 THE COURT: If you have a hard copy, that would be a
2 great help. Sometimes electronic files are great,
3 sometimes.

4 Mr. Corbett, I believe this is the first probate
5 court appeal I've ever heard, so . . .

6 MR. CORBETT: Yes, Your Honor.

7 THE COURT: Okay. If you can pass it up.

8 MR. CORBETT: May I approach?

9 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

10 (Pause in proceedings.)

11 THE COURT: All right. Mr. Adams, the defendant says
12 that you've not complied with the rules governing appeals
13 and that your appeal should be dismissed. So I'll be
14 happy to hear from you.

15 MR. ADAMS: Well, Your Honor, at the time that the
16 appeal had to be filed, we had gone to a probate hearing.
17 At the hearing, I had brought all of my evidence to
18 present to the Court at that time. I had it in a box
19 inside that courthouse. I was going to show it to Judge
20 Woodruff. But the defendant's attorney requested that she
21 rule before I was even able to testify or before I was
22 able to present any of my evidence. And after the appeal,
23 the judge ruled and gave us a 44- -- or 48-hour
24 containment that they would have to give me a 48-hour
25 notice before they will come for an inventory or come to

1 the house with -- to look at everything.

2 Prior to that in maybe July, Ms. Ogbuneke had already
3 come to the residence and brought the police and all of
4 these different people outside of the court orders. Then
5 the court order stated that I was supposed to be given a
6 48-hour notice before they came. And after the judge gave
7 the order on the 8th, Ms. Ogbuneke appeared on the 9th
8 with the police -- with three cars of police.

9 And I would like for the judge, if you would, the --
10 the initial appeal that I had about the reading
11 Mr. Corbett's motion to dismiss, which was delivered to me
12 in January instead of in October when it was filed, he
13 delivered it to me in January and he called out several
14 reasons that he was basing his appeal on. In the document
15 that I submitted to the Court today, that document
16 contains all of the other issues that he had as far as
17 trying to conform and trying to supply him with the
18 additional information. The document that I submitted
19 today has the table of contents that he -- that he says
20 was missing. It also has the history and it has the
21 complaint and the -- whatever relief can be given.

22 But on top of those things, Mr. Corbett, during that
23 time, has not -- we have not been communicating. He
24 couldn't -- he wouldn't allow me to communicate with my
25 sister. So I had intended to try. In my -- the document

1 I submitted to the Court today, I requested that if we
2 were not able -- if we were not able to -- if this didn't
3 work correctly, that our family could go to family
4 counseling. Because during the holidays, I felt very bad
5 that it was the first holiday without our father and me
6 and my only sister that it was born with my mother were
7 arguing over the estate. So I wanted to see if, through
8 that last document, that I could find some way.

9 Well, in the last document, I also have the security
10 cam footage of the 14th when Ms. Ogbuneke came unexpected,
11 and I have the security cam footage clips on the October
12 -- I think it was October the 9th in which she came the
13 second time.

14 My problem with Ms. Ogbuneke is that when she comes,
15 it's unannounced. The second problem is she's taking
16 pictures of my personal property. Not my father's
17 property, but my things. And that is why I was appealing
18 the decision to allow the way -- under the -- under the
19 way the judge had written it, I felt as if it was more of
20 a home invasion, that it was a takeover. And I didn't
21 feel good about it because I've been living there for
22 17 years. And I consequently have been paying the taxes
23 for 17 ---

24 THE COURT: Mr. Adams, we're getting far off the
25 point here.

1 MR. ADAMS: I'm sorry. I just want to -- I've been
2 waiting to talk with you, so ---

3 THE COURT: Well, I understand, sir. But the
4 defendant is saying you haven't followed the rules. Okay.
5 So my question is, is this document -- is this all you
6 filed, this document that you handed up?

7 MR. ADAMS: No, it's not. If you look on the record,
8 there are many exhibits that was also filed with it.

9 THE COURT: Okay. But what ---

10 MR. ADAMS: And after I got his motion to dismiss, I
11 went back and wrote a new document and then submitted it
12 to him with the parts in there that he asked for that he
13 was complaining about.

14 THE COURT: Okay. So, Mr. Adams, where is the
15 statement of issues on appeal?

16 MR. ADAMS: The statement of issues on appeal, they
17 -- they are on the first ---

18 THE COURT: Right. That complies with Rule 208.

19 MR. ADAMS: Page -- page 4. Wait a minute. Excuse
20 me. I'm sorry. They are contained within page 1 through
21 4.

22 THE COURT: Of what, sir?

23 MR. ADAMS: In the -- of the document that I gave you
24 today. On the first -- in the first -- first couple of
25 paragraphs, I explained exactly why I was appealing the

1 decision.

2 THE COURT: Okay.

3 MR. ADAMS: And if you look farther into the
4 document ---

5 THE COURT: Mr. Adams, slow down, slow down. Okay.
6 So I just want to make sure I -- so this document that you
7 handed up today, this is your statement of issues on
8 appeal.

9 MR. ADAMS: It has the statement of issues.
10 Actually, when you look in the document, the first exhibit
11 is the exhibit of the -- of the motion to dismiss. So as
12 you travel through the document, you will see that I broke
13 that motion to dismiss out into different paragraphs, and
14 I -- I talked about exactly why I was appealing.

15 THE COURT: Okay. But it has to be filed within
16 45 days of the written notice of the order from the
17 probate court. Was it filed within 45 days of that order?

18 MR. ADAMS: No, sir. It was not filed in 45 days. I
19 filed it after I got the motion to dismiss from him in
20 January.

21 THE COURT: What -- what was the date from the
22 probate court?

23 MR. ADAMS: It was -- when did we go to probate
24 court?

25 THE COURT: When did you get the written order from

1 the probate?

2 MR. ADAMS: Oh, October the 8th.

3 THE COURT: Of what year?

4 MR. ADAMS: I think it was October the 8th of 2021.

5 THE COURT: Okay. So that's -- that's about five
6 months ago.

7 MR. ADAMS: Yes.

8 Judge, I would like to also say I would -- I would
9 request that the Court would consider that I am a pro se
10 litigant, and some of those things I did not know how to
11 do. At the time when I filed the appeal, Ms. Ogbuneke was
12 there with the police, and I had to act to stop this kind
13 of thing from happening. And she does that all the time,
14 bringing the police and different people to the house.
15 And she never calls me and says that she's coming. Then I
16 have to go through the -- a long thing of -- of -- of my
17 neighbors and people coming to see what was wrong and
18 having the wrong idea about what actually happened.

19 Actually, on the first appeal, if you look at
20 Numbers 1 through -- 1 through 7, they are actually
21 talking about the issues, the reason I appealed on the
22 first -- the first appeal.

23 THE COURT: Okay. Mr. Adams, I'm going to give you
24 one shot here. Give me your argument as to why the
25 probate court judge made a mistake. And I need you to

1 listen to me, okay? It has to be a legal error by the
2 probate judge. You understand? I don't want to hear new
3 evidence. I don't want to hear that kind, okay? I want
4 -- what is the legal mistake that you believe the probate
5 judge made?

6 MR. ADAMS: She never let me testify. She never took
7 -- listened to any of my -- my testimony. She never gave
8 me a chance to present my evidence. So that was one of
9 the points that I felt like she made a mistake.

10 THE COURT: Okay. So ---

11 MR. ADAMS: She did not allow me to have my day to be
12 able to say why I brought that action. And secondly, she
13 had allowed them to do an inventory and then sent an email
14 back saying that she had -- the inventory had already been
15 completed and the files were already there. During --
16 during the interim of that time, that's when Ms. Ogbuneke
17 came with the police, and that's why the judge ---

18 THE COURT: But basically, your -- your objection is
19 to Ms. Ogbuneke being the personal representative, right?

20 MR. ADAMS: That's what the objective -- I don't have
21 a problem with sharing with her the -- my father's estate.
22 And I -- I clearly understand why she would feel upset
23 about of any litigation about the estate because we both
24 have gone through watching our father lose his estate from
25 my grandfather. So that would be a reason why she's

1 probably upset about that. But we can't talk to each
2 other because Mr. Corbett has restricted us from being
3 able to talk.

4 THE COURT: All right. Mr. Corbett?

5 MR. CORBETT: Your Honor, at the hearing Judge
6 Woodruff allowed Mr. Adams to give testimony. He actually
7 called my client and my client's husband to the stand. He
8 attempted to put documents in not pursuant to the rules of
9 evidence where we objected. He never once called himself
10 as a witness to the stand, Your Honor. He tried to give
11 testimony from the stand from the table and the judge shot
12 him down. And he had a whole case before we motioned for
13 a directed verdict.

14 THE COURT: All right. Mr. Adams, did you, in fact,
15 call witnesses at the hearing in the probate court?

16 MR. ADAMS: The judge asked me about ---

17 THE COURT: Sir -- sir, just answer my question.

18 MR. ADAMS: Yes, I did. I called -- I called
19 Ms. Ogbuneke. But the judge told me not to testify. You
20 can't -- you're testifying now. Don't testify. You'll
21 have your chance to testify, is what she said. But before
22 that could be done, Mr. Corbett said he wanted her to
23 rule. And then she ruled and it was over. She never gave
24 me a chance to testify. And she also said that she never
25 gave them permission to be taking pictures when they came

1 to this day. They were supposed to complete an inventory,
2 but not make film and take pictures. That's what
3 embarrassed me.

4 Your Honor, I ask that the Court -- what I'm trying
5 to do today is that I ask that the Court does not dismiss
6 this case with prejudice, that if they dismiss this case,
7 that it is not dismissed with prejudice.

8 And secondly, I would like to ask this court if in
9 this case they could give me or award me with the
10 cosigning privileges or cosign -- or be able to have
11 cosigning rights to whatever is being done in the
12 administration of the estate because I live there. I've
13 been living there for 17 years. I've invested all of my
14 lifetime of savings while Ms. Ogbuneke was able to go out
15 and realize all of her dreams. She put her children
16 through college, she's been able to start businesses, but
17 I couldn't do any of those because of the burden and the
18 financial responsibility of the estate. I've been keeping
19 that estate for 17 long years cutting four acres of grass
20 two times a week sometimes. It's been a tremendous
21 burden. And Ms. Ogbuneke has not helped me at all.
22 17 years of paying the taxes, she never paid any. The
23 last taxes went all the way up to January 15th. She
24 didn't pay them either.

25 So I'm asking the Court that because of my

1 investment, my sweat equity as well as my monetary
2 investments and the insurance coverages that I provided,
3 the security I've provided that I will be able to get
4 cosigning privileges or Ms. -- well, I don't know if I can
5 get Ms. Ogbuneke removed because the judge said that I
6 didn't ask or I didn't -- I didn't -- I did -- some
7 mistake I made. But if we are -- if it has to be this
8 way, I would like to be able to have some kind of -- some
9 kind of control because my whole life is there.

10 THE COURT: All right. I'm reading the order of the
11 probate court. The probate court says: After considering
12 the testimony presented along with the pleadings, the
13 Court granted a directed verdict finding the applicant
14 failed to present competent evidence to prove the PR's
15 application for appointment of probate was legally
16 insufficient or the PR had committed some kind of
17 malfeasance.

18 So I'm going to grant the motion to dismiss on the
19 merits. I don't -- I don't see any basis to legally
20 challenge the probate court's decision. And further, on
21 the procedural issues, I'm going to grant the motions on
22 the basis that the filings made by Mr. Adams do not comply
23 with the rules. So motion's granted in its entirety.

24 MR. CORBETT: Thank you, Your Honor.

25 THE COURT: Certainly.

1 MR. ADAMS: Your Honor, I have a question.

2 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

3 MR. ADAMS: Does that mean that you're granting these
4 with prejudice ---

5 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

6 MR. ADAMS: --- or does it mean not?

7 THE COURT: It means with prejudice.

8 MR. ADAMS: Well, Your Honor, I have the transcript
9 from the Court that -- for the full transcript. I would
10 like to know what does it mean? I have the transcript
11 that shows I didn't get to -- I did not get to testify.

12 THE COURT: Mr. Adams, I can't give you legal advice
13 on how to present your case. That's why people have
14 lawyers. Okay.

15 MR. ADAMS: But when you are dismissing it with
16 prejudice, that means that I can't bring this particular
17 case back to the Court again? Or what does it actually
18 mean?

19 THE COURT: Mr. Adams, I cannot -- I mean, normally
20 "with prejudice" means you cannot bring it back. But
21 there are exceptions to that. And I can't advise you on
22 the law.

23 MR. ADAMS: But there are exceptions.

24 THE COURT: In -- in -- I mean, there are -- there
25 are things you can do, there's motions you can file. But

1 I can't tell you what to do. I mean, that's ---

2 MR. ADAMS: Can I ask one more question and then I'll
3 be finished?

4 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

5 MR. ADAMS: Is the reason why you're granting this
6 based on my first submission of the -- is it based on my
7 first submission of the appeal ---

8 THE COURT: It's based ---

9 MR. ADAMS: --- that I didn't submit it correctly?

10 THE COURT: It's based on you not following the rules
11 of court as to what -- with regard to the statement of
12 issues on appeal and with the brief and with you not
13 identifying any legal error in the probate court's order.

14 MR. ADAMS: Okay.

15 THE COURT: All right.

16 (WHEREUPON, proceedings concluded at 10:17 a.m.)
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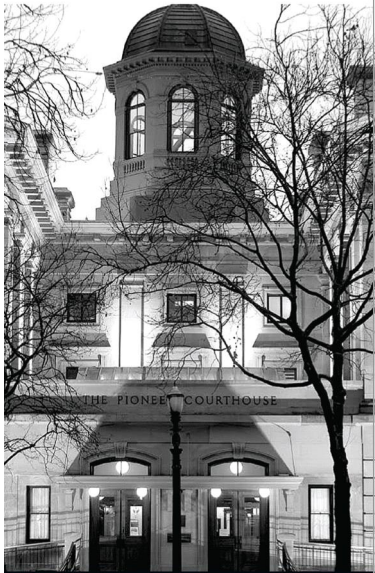
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Case No. 2021ES4600777

Decedent.

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**HELD ON
TUESDAY, AUGUST 31, 2021**

**BEFORE
THE HONORABLE CAROLYN E. WOODRUFF
PROBATE JUDGE**

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6 1 Tell me your name, sir? 2 MR. CORBETT: Cyrus Corbett, Your Honor. 3 THE COURT: Cyrus? 4 MR. CORBETT: Yes, Your Honor. 5 THE COURT: All righty. And also present 6 is the -- what we'll call the applicant, and that 7 would be Mr. Adams. 8 Mr. Adams, do you want to sit up here -- 9 is this your attorney? 10 MR. ADAMS: No. I'm Mr. Adams. 11 THE COURT: Oh, you're Mr. Adams. I 12 thought -- 13 MR. ADAMS: Okay, yes, ma'am. 14 THE COURT: Have we met before -- we've 15 not met before. 16 MR. ADAMS: No, ma'am, I don't think so. 17 THE COURT: Okay. So you're not 18 represented by an attorney? 19 MR. ADAMS: No, ma'am. 20 THE COURT: Are you -- and you're not an 21 attorney? 22 MR. ADAMS: No, I'm not, no, ma'am. 23 THE COURT: You certainly have everything 24 spread out. 25 MR. ADAMS: Yeah.	8 1 opening statement, please go ahead. 2 MR. ADAMS: Yes, ma'am. Since the -- my - 3 - Ms. Ogbuneke had come down sometime in March, I 4 think. It may have been March or maybe February. 5 And she came down to the probate office to apply to 6 be the personal representative. And at that same 7 time, she applied and put down false information on 8 the application. 9 So I began to research, and there was a 10 number of things that had been done that I was -- 11 that I found. So I came to not contest the will, 12 actually. I'm actually contesting her being the 13 personal representative because I feel that she's 14 not able to responsibly maintain her own estate. 15 And I feel as if she would not be suitable to 16 maintain this estate. 17 THE COURT: All righty. Thank you. 18 Mr. Corbett. 19 MR. CORBETT: May it please the court, 20 Your Honor. We're here based on kind of a motion of 21 -- the application for restraining performance of 22 personal representative. My client took on the 23 personal representative pursuant to the will, Your 24 Honor, the will that was probated in this court for 25 her late father -- their late father.
7 1 THE COURT: All righty. So you're Mr. 2 Adams, and who are the folks in the background? 3 MR. CORBETT: Your Honor, those are my 4 client's sister and her husband. 5 THE COURT: Okay. Names are? 6 MR. CORBETT: Juvenal Ogbuneke and Beverly 7 Irvin. 8 THE COURT: Okay. All righty. Now, Mr. 9 Adams, you are the applicant, so you have the right 10 to make an opening statement if you wish. You don't 11 have to, but you have the right to make a brief 12 opening statement. And then Mr. Corbett will also 13 have an opportunity to make an opening statement, 14 and then y'all may call witnesses. 15 Now, let me just caution you because a lot 16 of times -- and it's fine for you not to have an 17 attorney because we have a lot of folks who come 18 into this courtroom and they don't. They're called 19 pro se litigants. But it's kind of a fine line that 20 you have to walk between actually asking questions 21 as an advocate and then testifying as a witness, and 22 you can't do both. 23 MR. ADAMS: Yes. 24 THE COURT: So you just need to be very, 25 very cautious about that. So if you wish to make an	9 1 What we have here today is we had a will 2 challenge originally, but now it is my understanding 3 that may be redacted and it's not just a challenge 4 of my client based on false representations that we 5 have, apparently, that came into the initial report. 6 If we look at the application for 7 restraining performance, we'll see those false 8 narratives are all information that my client was 9 not given by her brother who has had a strained 10 relationship with my client for a number of years. 11 Your Honor, this is going to be a 12 contentious probate matter no matter what happens in 13 here. It's because the parties simply don't agree. 14 And if you look, Mr. Adams does not like what the 15 will says, so it doesn't matter if my client's 16 trying to do what the will says or not says. We're 17 going to have a fight, and we're prepared for that. 18 Your Honor, the last will and testament is 19 very clear in what it wishes to do. And the reason 20 my client listed the house as to what is in the will 21 that was owned by her father as the location of 22 death is because whenever you go to a nursing home, 23 you always plan to go home at some point unless it's 24 permanent, unless you have to (inaudible). 25 He owned this residence. He's always

10 1 owned this residence, and at the time of his death 2 he owned this residence. She listed it as an estate 3 asset. And in the will, it clearly delegates who 4 gets that asset through his own words from the 5 seventies. 6 What we have here today, Your Honor, is I 7 believe a claim that my client's incompetent to 8 serve as PR, if I understand this right, and Your 9 Honor, I'd be more than happy to see the information 10 that is presented on the petitioner's side on this 11 case because we truly believe that there is nothing 12 that would stop my client from maintaining the 13 status of PR and to properly go through probating 14 this estate. Thank you. 15 THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Corbett. 16 Now, Mr. Adams, what you will do now is 17 call any witnesses that you wish to call, and I'll 18 have them come around here to our witness area and 19 swear them in, but I want to caution you that you 20 need to be very careful about asking questions -- 21 MR. ADAMS: Yes. 22 THE COURT: -- and not entering into a 23 narrative of any kind. Do you understand? 24 MR. ADAMS: Yes. Yes. 25 THE COURT: All right. Thank you. Go	12 1 on your home? 2 A. Yes. 3 Q. Okay. In 2018 and 2021, is this correct, 4 for nonpayment? 5 A. It's possible. 6 Q. Mr. Ogbuneke, do you -- 7 MR. CORBETT: Objection, Your Honor, 8 relevance. 9 MR. ADAMS: Relevance is because I feel 10 that if they're in foreclosure, that's a reason to 11 mismanage the estate because I don't think if they 12 can manage their own estate that they won't be able 13 to manage this one either. There's a number of 14 liens and -- there's a number of liens and judgments 15 against them right now that I pulled from 16 Mecklenburg County. 17 THE COURT: What is your response to that, 18 Mr. Corbett? 19 MR. CORBETT: Your Honor, I don't believe 20 that my client is on the stand. If she is serving 21 as the personal representative, there's no knowledge 22 here or even information that has been presented to 23 the court that they jointly hold this mortgage. If 24 so, that may be relevant, but at this point in time, 25 his mortgage may not have anything to do with my
11 1 ahead and call your first witness. 2 MR. ADAMS: Well, actually, I don't have a 3 -- I'm not -- oh, yes, I'd like to call a witness. 4 I'd like to call Mr. Juvenal Ogbuneke. 5 THE COURT: Mr. who? 6 MR. ADAMS: Juvenal Ogbuneke. 7 THE COURT: Okay. Mr. Ogbuneke, come on 8 around, please. Just remain standing while I swear 9 you in, please. Raise your right hand. Do you 10 swear or affirm to tell the truth and nothing but 11 the truth, so help you, God? 12 MR. OGBUNEKE: I do. 13 THE COURT: Thank you. Please be seated 14 and please take your mask off. 15 Go ahead, Mr. Adams. 16 JUVENAL OGBUNEKE, having been first duly sworn, was 17 examined, and testified as follows: 18 DIRECT EXAMINATION 19 BY MR. ADAMS: 20 Q. Mr. Ogbuneke, are you in foreclosure right 21 now? Are you scheduled for a foreclosure hearing on 22 your estate on September the 13th? 23 A. No, I'm not. 24 Q. Okay. Have you been in foreclosure this 25 year? Has any foreclosure been initiated this year	13 1 client. I haven't seen any paperwork at this point, 2 nor have I been able to see it for its authenticity 3 -- 4 MR. ADAMS: Well, I have one for her, too. 5 THE COURT: Well, I have -- I'm going to 6 sustain the objection based on your first objection, 7 which was relevance. I don't believe that's 8 relevant. 9 Mr. Adams? 10 MR. ADAMS: Well, these -- they have the 11 -- 12 THE COURT: Don't argue with me, Mr. 13 Adams. Go ahead and ask your next question. 14 MR. ADAMS: No, I'm not arguing, ma'am. I 15 was just saying she got served a separate -- 16 THE COURT: I've sustained the objection. 17 Go ahead and ask your next question. 18 MR. ADAMS: What does that mean when you 19 said -- 20 THE COURT: That means that he objected to 21 your line of questioning about foreclosure, so that 22 means you need to not ask any more questions about 23 the foreclosure. 24 MR. ADAMS: Okay. Well, on top of that, I 25 do have the credit card fraud history that I got

14 1 from the Discover card people, and I have that to 2 submit to the court, the information from Experian 3 and information from Trans -- the one Mr. Ogbuneke 4 had gotten a credit card in my father's name and had 5 used it to -- 6 MR. CORBETT: Objection, Your Honor. 7 THE COURT: The objection? 8 MR. CORBETT: This is not a question. We 9 would ask that opposing counsel does submit a 10 question to the witness on the stand. 11 THE COURT: I'm going to sustain that. 12 Mr. Adams, this gentleman on the stand is 13 not the personal representative of the estate, so 14 you need to ask -- 15 MR. ADAMS: Oh, I'm sorry. Is that what 16 I'm doing wrong? 17 THE COURT: -- questions that are relevant 18 to -- if you want to ask the personal representative 19 that question, you may, but not -- 20 MR. ADAMS: Okay. Then okay. 21 THE COURT: -- this witness. 22 MR. ADAMS: All right, then. I will -- 23 BY MR. ADAMS: 24 Q. Mr. Ogbuneke, are you aware of any 25 financial issues that have been brought up and any	16 1 witness, please. 2 MR. ADAMS: I'd like to call Ms. Betty 3 Ogbuneke, please. 4 THE COURT: All right. Ms. Ogbuneke -- am 5 I saying that right, Ogbuneke? 6 MS. OGBUNEKE: Uh-huh. 7 THE COURT: All right. Come on around and 8 just remain standing while I swear you in, and then 9 you may be seated. Raise your right hand, please. 10 Do you swear or affirm to tell the truth and nothing 11 but the truth, so help you, God? 12 MS. OGBUNEKE: I do. 13 THE COURT: Thank you. Please be seated 14 and take your mask off. 15 BETTY OGBUNEKE, having been first duly sworn, was 16 examined, and testified as follows: 17 DIRECT EXAMINATION 18 BY MR. ADAMS: 19 Q. Yes. Ms. Ogbuneke, I have a question. On 20 number three, venue for proceeding is proper in this 21 courthouse because it said decedent was domiciled in 22 the county at the date of death, and you listed 721 23 Ogden Road, Rock Hill, South Carolina. Is there a 24 reason why you would put 721 Ogden Road? 25 A. I need you to ask me that again because
15 1 judgments or financial issues, problems that you're 2 having as -- at the home? 3 A. What do you mean problems I'm having at 4 home? 5 Q. Financial -- financial -- are you aware of 6 any of the Discover card charges? 7 A. I mean, what does that has to do with my 8 -- 9 THE COURT: Just answer the question. Are 10 you aware or not? 11 MR. OGBUNEKE: No, I'm not. 12 BY MR. ADAMS: 13 Q. Oh, you're not aware that these charges 14 were made against the -- also, some of them were 15 used for Biltmore House and Walt Disney -- 16 MR. CORBETT: Objection, Your Honor, facts 17 not in evidence. 18 THE COURT: I will sustain that. 19 Next question, Mr. Adams. 20 MR. ADAMS: That's all for this witness 21 right now. 22 THE COURT: Thank you. 23 MR. ADAMS: Yes, ma'am. 24 THE COURT: You may step down. Thank you. 25 All right, Mr. Adams. Call your next	17 1 when you said number three, I didn't know what you 2 was referring to. 3 Q. I'm referring to the application that you 4 submitted. I think that you might be aware of this 5 application that has your signature, but if you need 6 to review it, I'll be glad to let you hold it. 7 But on line number three it says venue for 8 this proceeding is proper in this county because 9 decedent was domiciled in the county at date of 10 death, and you put 721 Ogden Road, Rock Hill, South 11 Carolina. Is that where Mr. Adams was living when 12 he died? 13 MS. OGBUNEKE: What does "domiciled" mean? 14 THE COURT: Well, domiciled means a lot of 15 different things. There's certain indicia of 16 domicile: where a person actually physically 17 resides; where their driver's license is issued; 18 where they receive property tax notices; where the 19 address they put on their tax returns. It's a legal 20 term. 21 MS. OGBUNEKE: All of those things she 22 just mentioned are true. All of those things were 23 still in dad's name, and dad was still -- even 24 though dad was living at the nursing home, for many 25 years we have several records of where they always

18 1 ask on social security, where -- does he have plans 2 to move back home. I always put yes. We have 3 copies of all of those documents. 4 Dad's will was to always come back home 5 even though he was at the nursing facility where he 6 was trying to rehab and get better to go home. So 7 yes, that is what I put there because when I talked 8 to the clerk she said -- 9 BY MR. ADAMS: 10 Q. Is it true, though, Ms. Adams -- is it 11 true -- 12 (Simultaneous speaking.) 13 THE COURT: Wait, wait, wait. 14 MR. ADAMS: Is it true -- 15 THE COURT: When an attorney objects, you 16 have to stop talking. Everybody has to stop 17 talking. 18 MR. ADAMS: Okay. 19 THE COURT: And let me just explain 20 something. Only one person can talk at once 21 because, for one thing, I'm recording this, and for 22 another thing, I can only hear one person at once. 23 MR. ADAMS: Yes, ma'am. I'm sorry. 24 THE COURT: And another thing is polite. 25 MR. ADAMS: Yes, ma'am.	20 1 One of the documents you filed, you said that he got 2 information at the house. A lot of his information 3 on his insurance and everything still came to the 4 house, and the rest of it didn't go to the nursing 5 home. It came to my house in care of Betty 6 Ogbuneke. 7 Q. Ms. Ogbuneke, where did -- Mr. Adams went 8 to Carolinas Medical Center many, many times. 9 A. Uh-huh. 10 Q. What address do they have listed as his 11 home address? 12 A. 721 Ogden Road. They also have 6218 13 Idlebrook, and they always have in the file as well 14 that he lives at the nursing home because they had 15 to get that information to know where to return him 16 to each time he left the hospital. 17 Q. Ms. Ogbuneke, where did he physically 18 reside? 19 A. He was in the nursing home. 20 Q. How long was he there? 21 A. You've put in there that he was there from 22 2007. I don't think you know. 23 Q. Well, I just asked you do you know? 24 A. Yes, I do. 25 Q. Well, how long --
19 1 THE COURT: So when he objects, everybody 2 stops talking. 3 Go ahead, Mr. Corbett. 4 MR. CORBETT: Objection, argumentative, 5 Your Honor. 6 THE COURT: All right. 7 And Mr. Adams, you need to ask your 8 question and allow her time to answer. 9 MR. ADAMS: Yes, ma'am. I'm sorry. 10 THE COURT: All right. Go ahead. 11 MR. ADAMS: I apologize to the court and I 12 apologize to counsel. 13 THE COURT: All right. Go ahead. 14 BY MR. ADAMS: 15 Q. As I was saying, Ms. Ogbuneke, is it true 16 -- how long did Mr. Adams stay outside of South 17 Carolina? How long was he 24 hours a day, seven 18 days a week, getting all of his mail? None of his 19 mail came to 721 Ogden Road. Where did his mail go? 20 A. Actually, you said in one of your 21 arguments that we received -- that the attorney has 22 -- you said that he still got mail there at the 23 house -- 24 Q. Well, I -- 25 A. -- that's in your own -- your own words.	21 1 A. Why don't you know? 2 THE COURT: Ms. Ogbuneke, just answer the 3 question. 4 MS. OGBUNEKE: I'm sorry. Okay. 2010. 5 MR. ADAMS: That's somewhat inaccurate, 6 too, because I got a letter from the nursing home 7 that -- 8 MR. CORBETT: Objection, Your Honor 9 (inaudible). 10 THE COURT: Well, no commentary. You can 11 make that argument at the end. 12 MR. ADAMS: Yes, ma'am. Yes, ma'am. 13 Okay. 14 BY MR. ADAMS: 15 Q. So Ms. Ogbuneke, whenever they took Mr. 16 Adams out to the hospital, where did they return him 17 to? Where was he discharged to? 18 A. The thing is you don't know because you 19 never came to the hospital, but I'll -- 20 Q. Oh. 21 A. -- go ahead and answer that. 22 MR. CORBETT: Objection, Your Honor. I 23 object to the witness's argumentative stance. I 24 think she does need to answer the question. 25 THE COURT: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Corbett.

22 1 (Simultaneous speaking.) 2 THE COURT: Don't interrupt the court. 3 MS. OGBUNEKE: I'm sorry. 4 THE COURT: When you're asked a question, 5 you don't get to ask questions back. 6 MS. OGBUNEKE: Okay, 7 THE COURT: You just answer the question. 8 MS. OGBUNEKE: Thank you, Your Honor. 9 THE COURT: Or comment on the question. 10 MS. OGBUNEKE: Thank you. What was the 11 question? 12 BY MR. ADAMS: 13 Q. I asked you where did they discharge Mr. 14 Adams from 2007, when he initially went out of the 15 home, until now? 16 A. Initially -- 17 Q. No, no, no. I have an even better 18 question. From the time that Mr. Adams entered into 19 the nursing center, did he ever come back home out 20 of the -- out of the 17 -- out of the 17 or 18 21 years, did he ever come back to 721 Ogden Road? 22 A. Yes, he did, at the beginning and then -- 23 Q. When -- no, no, no. Okay. Well, let's go 24 a little farther, then. Let's go -- 25 THE COURT: Wait a minute, Mr. Adams. I	24 1 him home for the holiday? Do you have any 2 photograph to show the -- 3 A. Actually -- 4 Q. -- time we would have had a wonderful 5 time. I imagine we would have called all of his 6 kids over -- 7 THE COURT: All right. I get the picture. 8 Finish the question. 9 MR. ADAMS: Well, yes. 10 BY MR. ADAMS: 11 Q. I would just like to know if there's any 12 -- does she have anything to show -- 13 THE COURT: That would be is there any 14 proof. 15 BY MR. ADAMS: 16 Q. Is there any proof? 17 A. There wouldn't be because you refused to 18 give me any pictures. Remember? I don't even have 19 pictures from when I was a child. You took all of 20 them. 21 THE COURT: Okay. Next question. 22 BY MR. ADAMS: 23 Q. Ms. Ogbuneke, you also -- on the 24 application you said -- did the decedent have any 25 change of marital status or -- oh, excuse me.
23 1 don't think she was through answering -- 2 MR. ADAMS: Oh, I'm sorry. Oh, yes, yes. 3 THE COURT: You need to listen to the 4 answer, okay? And then ask your next question. All 5 right. 6 MR. ADAMS: Okay, then. 7 THE COURT: But let's make the answer 8 brief. I don't want a narrative. Just answer the 9 question. 10 MS. OGBUNEKE: Yes, ma'am. 11 Yes, he did. 12 BY MR. ADAMS: 13 Q. For what reason? 14 A. When he come back. If he was out, we used 15 to take dad out from the nursing home and bring him 16 home for the holidays -- 17 Q. Oh -- 18 A. -- sometime when he was home for the 19 holidays, if he got sick, they brought him back 20 there, and then we would have to take him back to 21 the nursing home. 22 Q. What home are you talking about, Ms. 23 Ogbuneke? 24 A. 721. 25 Q. Do you have any pictures that we brought	25 1 That's the wrong one. I'm sorry. 2 Okay. Ms. Ogbuneke, do you have any 3 knowledge of Mr. Adams having any mental -- any 4 mental deficiencies, or was he mentally competent 5 when he was in the nursing home? Do you -- what was 6 your -- what was your -- 7 MR. CORBETT: Objection, Your Honor, 8 relevance. 9 MR. ADAMS: Well, the application -- 10 THE COURT: Well, I'm going to overrule 11 that. 12 Go ahead and ask the question. I know 13 where you're headed with that. You're looking at 14 that question number six on the application. 15 MR. ADAMS: Yes. 16 THE COURT: Okay. 17 BY MR. ADAMS: 18 Q. And I wanted to know if Mr. Adams had any 19 mental issue? Was there any mental handicaps or any 20 psychological problems with Mr. Adams? 21 A. From when? 22 Q. Any time. Any time from -- why was he in 23 the nursing facility. Any time. Any time that you 24 can recollect. 25 A. The reason we put him in there is because

26 1 he had -- he had beginning stages of Alzheimer's. 2 Q. Uh-huh. And what else? Was there any 3 other issues? 4 A. No, he did not have a mental issue. He 5 had the beginning stage of Alzheimer's, but he was 6 not in a mental institution. 7 Q. No, that's not the question I asked. I 8 asked you did Mr. Adams have a mental issue. I did 9 not say -- 10 A. I guess you need to clarify -- 11 Q. -- if -- I did not -- 12 THE COURT: I'm going to object to that. 13 That's been asked and answered. Go ahead -- 14 MR. ADAMS: Well, she saying that he -- 15 THE COURT: -- and ask your next question. 16 MR. ADAMS: Okay. 17 BY MR. ADAMS: 18 Q. Ms. Ogbuneke, why were you given a -- a 19 restraining order from the Rock Hill Police 20 Department? 21 A. Yeah, I don't know. When I come down to 22 the house, they presented it. You brought it off 23 the porch. You had the document laying on the 24 porch, and you handed it to them. I didn't even 25 know there was one.	28 1 and they had already asked you to leave several 2 times, so if you're not aware of the -- if you're 3 not aware of the restraining order, I think that I 4 do have a copy of it here if she -- 5 MR. ADAMS: I'm not sure why she would not 6 know, but she had come -- 7 BY MR. ADAMS: 8 Q. Ms. Ogbuneke, another question -- 9 A. Hmm-mm. 10 MR. CORBETT: Your Honor, I would ask that 11 the record be struck. That was not a question. We 12 would object to any sort of narrative given by -- 13 THE COURT: Yes, I did want to caution Mr. 14 Adams. I was telling you earlier that you can't be 15 both the witness and an advocate. You have to 16 either ask questions and listen to the answer and 17 ask the next question. You can't engage in a 18 narrative about -- that's for the end when you make 19 your arguments, your closing arguments. 20 MR. ADAMS: Okay. I do apologize. I was 21 not aware -- 22 THE COURT: What your time to do right now 23 is elicit the facts. 24 MR. ADAMS: Yes, I'm trying to get the 25 facts out.
27 1 Q. Oh -- 2 A. I had not been served. 3 Q. Oh, are you saying that the police gave me 4 a restraining order for you and you had not done a 5 single thing? 6 A. I don't -- that wasn't the question. 7 Q. I asked you, Ms. Ogbuneke, why did the 8 police issue a restraining order -- 9 MR. CORBETT: Objection, Your Honor. 10 MS. OGBUNEKE: I have no idea. I thought 11 you issued it. 12 THE COURT: Your objection is? 13 MR. CORBETT: Asked and answered. 14 THE COURT: I will sustain that objection. 15 MR. ADAMS: She didn't answer the 16 question. 17 THE COURT: Yes, she did. I heard her 18 answer it. 19 MR. ADAMS: Okay. 20 THE COURT: Move on to the next question. 21 BY MR. ADAMS: 22 Q. Ms. Ogbuneke, the restraining order by the 23 police department in Rock Hill was given to you 24 while you were -- when you were in the street. You 25 were out in the street in the middle of the road,	29 1 THE COURT: Okay. So proceed. 2 MR. ADAMS: Here is a copy of the 3 restraining order that was given by one of the 4 police at the -- at the residence when Ms. Ogbuneke 5 came. She was visibly -- 6 MR. CORBETT: Objection, facts not in 7 evidence at this point. I think if he gets this 8 into evidence, he can possibly testify. If he calls 9 himself as a witness, however, at this point in 10 time, I -- 11 MR. ADAMS: I have video -- 12 THE COURT: Well, here's what we can do. 13 If you will show that to the witness, Mr. Adams, and 14 have her identify it. You have to lay a foundation 15 for any evidence you are trying to put into the 16 record. 17 MR. ADAMS: Yes, ma'am. Do I need to make 18 a copy for him, or what do -- what do I need -- 19 MS. OGBUNEKE: I haven't seen this. 20 THE COURT: Don't talk. 21 You should have already had a copy, but 22 for now I want you to go ahead and have her identify 23 it. 24 MR. ADAMS: I can let them have this one, 25 and I can get --

30 1 THE COURT: Just have her identify it, 2 please. 3 MR. ADAMS: Yes. 4 MS. OGBUNEKE: No, I've never seen this, 5 Your Honor. 6 THE COURT: All right. 7 MS. OGBUNEKE: They never gave me 8 anything. 9 THE COURT: All right. Hand it back. 10 BY MR. ADAMS: 11 Q. Well, Ms. Ogbuneke, when you left, how 12 were you behaving? Were you pretty mad when you 13 left? I mean, I remember you out in the middle of 14 the street. Was there any reason for you to have 15 your door open in the middle of the -- on that day? 16 Was there any reason? You were -- you were visibly 17 very -- I do have video footage I -- 18 MR. CORBETT: Objection, Your Honor. 19 Similar objection. 20 THE COURT: You know, you're testifying, 21 Mr. Adams. You need to ask questions. 22 BY MR. ADAMS: 23 Q. Ms. Ogbuneke, for what reason were you in 24 Ogden Road with your door open? 25 A. I was at Ogden Road because the court told	32 1 MS. OGBUNEKE: Oh, no. I thought he had 2 the -- 3 THE COURT: If you don't know the answer, 4 say you don't know. 5 MS. OGBUNEKE: I don't know the answer. 6 BY MR. ADAMS: 7 Q. Okay. So when you came down and you were 8 out in the street and -- and when you came to the 9 probate office and they told you to give the -- to 10 do the inventory, when you called the police, at any 11 time a week or two weeks prior to that, did you call 12 Mr. Joe Louis Adams, Jr., myself, and let me know 13 that you were coming, or did you more or less just 14 show up unannounced or -- or was there an 15 announcement -- any announcement whatsoever? 16 A. Yes, there was. I called you over the 17 phone. You had company, and I told you the court 18 has asked me to come there, what day do you want me 19 to come. And you said, "You're not coming here." I 20 said I have to come because they want me to come 21 there for inventory, and you said no and called me 22 all kind of names. That's the same thing you did 23 when I was in the street, call me out of my name. 24 Q. Oh -- oh, did I? 25 A. So many times.
31 1 me I had to come down there and do -- what is it 2 called -- inventory. That is what the clerk or 3 court told me I had to come down and do inventory. 4 So I had asked for the police to come down 5 there with me because I knew how you would act. And 6 I told them to bring two officers, so they brought 7 two down there. And sure enough, when you came, you 8 did just what we thought. That's why I was there. 9 Q. Did you -- 10 A. The door was open for me to get in the 11 Jeep. 12 Q. No. 13 THE COURT: All right. Ask the next 14 question. 15 MR. ADAMS: Oh. 16 BY MR. ADAMS: 17 Q. Ms. Ogbuneke, when you were calling the 18 police -- when you called the police to make an 19 escort -- can you tell me approximately what date 20 the court -- the probate office asked you to come 21 and do the inventory? 22 A. The same date we have on file there. 23 Q. What date is that, please? 24 THE COURT: No, you can't be coached by 25 your lawyer. Just answer the question.	33 1 Q. Oh, did I? 2 THE COURT: You're arguing back and forth. 3 Just ask -- 4 MR. ADAMS: I have one question. 5 THE COURT: -- questions. 6 BY MR. ADAMS: 7 Q. How far is it from the street to the front 8 porch of the house? How far -- 9 A. We were all in -- in -- 10 Q. I was on the front porch -- 11 THE COURT: Sir, you -- 12 No, not you. 13 MR. CORBETT: Oh, sorry. 14 THE COURT: Mr. Ogbuneke, you will be 15 excused from the courtroom. Leave. 16 He was making gestures, coaching. 17 All right. Go ahead, Mr. Adams. 18 MR. ADAMS: Yes, ma'am. 19 BY MR. ADAMS: 20 Q. Ms. Ogbuneke, how far is it from the 21 middle of the road if you back your car into the 22 middle of the road? How far is it from the middle 23 of the road to the front porch, if you look at the 24 driveway and up on top of the front porch? 25 A. I'm not sure. I'm not a -- I'm not an

34 1 engineer. 2 Q. Oh, so would you say that you haven't been 3 to the residence in so long you can't estimate? Is 4 that what you're -- 5 A. That wasn't the question. 6 Q. Well, I'm asking you would you please 7 estimate how far do you think it is from the street 8 to the front porch of the house? 9 A. I'm not sure. 10 Q. Okay. Well, it's approximately maybe a 11 hundred feet, maybe a hundred and -- 12 MR. CORBETT: Objection, Your Honor, facts 13 not in evidence. 14 THE COURT: And honestly, Mr. Adams, I 15 don't see the -- 16 MR. ADAMS: Well, I'm making a point. I 17 -- I -- 18 THE COURT: Mr. Adams, you do not 19 interrupt a judge when she's talking to you. I 20 don't see the point in that question. You've made 21 it very clear to the court that there was a 22 restraining order that was issued -- 23 MR. ADAMS: Well -- 24 THE COURT: -- and that there was a 25 problem with it.	36 1 Mr. Adams, that really has absolutely 2 nothing to do with the appointment of a personal 3 representative. Nothing to do with it. 4 MR. ADAMS: Well, the point I was trying 5 to make was that the -- Ms. Ogbuneke had abandoned 6 the -- 7 MR. CORBETT: Objection, Your Honor, facts 8 not in evidence. He's not testifying. 9 THE COURT: I'll sustain the objection. 10 You need to move on to your next question. 11 MR. ADAMS: All right. 12 BY MR. ADAMS: 13 Q. Ms. Ogbuneke, it says here, to the best of 14 your knowledge, was the decedent a patient in a 15 nonprivate State of South Carolina mental health 16 facility during his or her lifetime, and I -- I'm 17 not exactly sure if the Piedmont Medical Center 18 mental ward is considered a facility, but Mr. Adams 19 did -- 20 MR. CORBETT: Objection, Your Honor, facts 21 not in evidence. 22 THE COURT: I sustain that. 23 Just ask the question. Go ahead and ask 24 the question. 25 BY MR. ADAMS:
35 1 MR. ADAMS: Okay. 2 THE COURT: Let's move on to the next 3 question. 4 MR. ADAMS: Yes, ma'am, okay. Okay. Yes, 5 ma'am. 6 BY MR. ADAMS: 7 Q. Ms. Ogbuneke, have you ever paid any taxes 8 on the property at 721 Ogden Road? 9 A. Actually, yes, I have. 10 Q. Do you have the documents to show for the 11 court? 12 A. I'm sure they have it at city hall, and I 13 can have them pulled. 14 Q. At city hill, Ms. Ogbuneke? 15 A. Yes, down in Rock Hill at the city. I 16 sure did. Before mom died, I started paying the 17 taxes for dad up until -- 18 Q. In 2004 -- 19 A. -- up until you moved into the house and 20 started trying to pay them and you would go up there 21 before me and pay them, and when I say, oh, let's 22 pay them together, you say, I already paid them. 23 MR. CORBETT: Objection, Your Honor, 24 relevance to this line of questioning. 25 THE COURT: Yeah. I have to sustain that.	37 1 Q. Ms. Ogbuneke, do you have any recollection 2 at any time of Mr. Adams being in any mental 3 facility at any capacity? 4 A. Dad has never been in a mental facility. 5 He's never been in a mental facility. 6 Q. Has he ever been in any mental facility 7 inside a hospital? Has he ever been inside of a 8 cage? 9 A. A cage? 10 Q. A cage for any reason. 11 A. No. 12 THE COURT: I want to stop this line of 13 questioning. Mr. Adams -- 14 MR. ADAMS: Well, the reason I'm asking 15 the question -- 16 THE COURT: Mr. Adams, let me explain 17 something. 18 MR. ADAMS: Okay. 19 THE COURT: Question number six on this 20 application is that to the best of your knowledge, 21 was the decedent a patient in a nonprivate State of 22 South Carolina mental health facility. The personal 23 representative answered no, and she's -- 24 MR. ADAMS: Okay. 25 THE COURT: -- affirmed that.

38 1 MR. ADAMS: Okay. 2 THE COURT: Now, the reason this question 3 is on here is because there are people that are 4 admitted to mental health hospitals that are run by 5 the state. South Carolina DMH, Department of Mental 6 Health, runs hospitals. And if a person is a 7 resident in a hospital and uses the resources of the 8 state, then those organizations can sometimes file 9 claims against the estate. 10 MR. ADAMS: Oh. 11 THE COURT: That's why this question is on 12 here. 13 MR. ADAMS: Okay. 14 THE COURT: It has nothing to do with the 15 cognitive abilities of the decedent at the time that 16 the person made a will or passed away or any of 17 that. That's the purpose of that question. 18 MR. ADAMS: Okay. 19 BY MR. ADAMS: 20 Q. Question number seven, has a guardian or 21 conservator ever been appointed by a court for this 22 person, Ms. Ogbuneke? 23 A. I was. 24 Q. You were, right? 25 A. That is correct. And --	40 1 MS. OGBUNEKE: He filed -- my brother 2 filed for guardianship for my dad, and then they 3 turned -- the court turned around and they took me 4 -- we had -- what do you call it -- because of 5 COVID, we had to do it online. And then they gave 6 me guardianship for it. He has to pay the court for 7 it. 8 MR. ADAMS: He was -- because she was in 9 Charlotte in North Carolina, but they -- 10 THE COURT: Is that -- 11 (Simultaneous speaking.) 12 MR. ADAMS: She was restricted form the 13 estate in South Carolina. 14 MS. OGBUNEKE: No, I wasn't. 15 MR. CORBETT: Your Honor -- 16 (Simultaneous speaking.) 17 THE COURT: Hang on a minute. I don't 18 want any more back and forth. What will happen now 19 is that Mr. Corbett's going to have an opportunity 20 to ask this lady questions, and he will be able to 21 clarify that. 22 MR. ADAMS: Okay. 23 THE COURT: The fact is it does say "no" 24 on here. So go ahead with your next question, Mr. 25 Adams.
39 1 Q. Well, right -- 2 A. -- that was because you filed - 3 Q. -- here you -- well, right here -- 4 A. -- for it and then they -- the court gave 5 the -- 6 THE COURT: Wait a minute. What have I 7 been telling y'all? You got to ask a question. You 8 got to answer it. And you have to give the other 9 person an opportunity to speak, okay? Go ahead -- 10 MS. OGBUNEKE: -- continue my answer? 11 THE COURT: No, because I want to talk 12 about his question, too. 13 MS. OGBUNEKE: Okay. 14 THE COURT: Okay. Has a guardian or 15 conservator ever been appointed by the court for 16 this person? You said no. Now you're saying yes. 17 MS. OGBUNEKE: No. I said yes. He said 18 no. 19 MR. ADAMS: No, you said no. 20 THE COURT: You said no on this 21 application. 22 Have you ever been legally appointed by -- 23 MS. OGBUNEKE: Yes, ma'am. 24 THE COURT: -- a probate court as the 25 guardian for -- or conservator for your father?	41 1 MR. ADAMS: Oh, is it still -- I can still 2 ask questions? 3 THE COURT: Yeah. He gets a turn after 4 you're finished. 5 MR. ADAMS: Oh, I thought you were saying 6 that he could -- okay. 7 BY MR. ADAMS: 8 Q. Ms. Ogbuneke, are you aware in any degree 9 -- are you aware, even in the smallest portion, of 10 any civil litigation that Mr. Joe Louis Adams is 11 involved in? 12 MS. OGBUNEKE: Is there any way for him to 13 look at me instead of like looking across the room 14 -- 15 THE COURT: No. It's not up to you to 16 criticize his stance or what he's looking at. Just 17 answer the question. 18 MS. OGBUNEKE: Okay. 19 THE COURT: Don't try the patience of the 20 court. Go ahead. Answer the question. 21 MS. OGBUNEKE: I -- can he ask me again? 22 I forgot. 23 THE COURT: Yes. Please ask the question 24 again. 25 MR. ADAMS: Yes, ma'am.

42 1 BY MR. ADAMS: 2 Q. I was just asking you if at any -- in any 3 degree, no matter how small it is, are you aware of 4 any civil litigation that Mr. Joe Louis Adams, Sr. 5 is involved in? 6 A. No. Mr. Joe Louis Adams, Sr. is not 7 involved in any litigation, but you are. The 8 litigation that has been filed is under Joe Adams, 9 Jr. 10 Q. Oh, Ms. Ogbuneke, could you please explain 11 what that litigation is about? What is the subject 12 matter of that litigation? 13 A. I can't remember what you told me. What 14 is it? 15 THE COURT: No. Don't ask questions. 16 Just answer the question. Just say you don't 17 remember. 18 MS. OGBUNEKE: I don't remember. 19 BY MR. ADAMS: 20 Q. Ms. Ogbuneke, do you remember exactly why 21 Mr. Joe Louis Adams, Sr. passed -- what was the 22 cause of death? 23 A. Yes. 24 Q. Can you please tell the court what the 25 cause of death was?	44 1 -- 2 THE COURT: Stop talking. 3 MS. OGBUNEKE: I'm sorry. 4 THE COURT: When I talk, you don't. Is 5 that clear? Do I need to get a deputy in here? 6 MS. OGBUNEKE: No, ma'am. I'm sorry. 7 THE COURT: All right. Now, that has got 8 nothing to do -- that is in the file because 9 somebody brought it to the court. I would suspect 10 it was Ms. Ogbuneke. 11 MR. ADAMS: I was -- 12 THE COURT: All right? So ask her to 13 identify the cause of death, like you started out. 14 MR. ADAMS: Yes. I'm sorry. 15 BY MR. ADAMS: 16 Q. Ms. Ogbuneke, can you please tell the 17 court what the cause of death was? 18 A. Severe sepsis, infected multiple -- I 19 can't say these words -- severe something colon and 20 oste something. 21 Q. Ms. Ogbuneke, do you not run a healthcare 22 agency? Don't you run a -- oh, God. 23 Ms. Ogbuneke, don't you run a private 24 nursing facility where you're certified by the state 25 as a caregiver and a nurse -- don't you provide
43 1 A. I don't have the exact wording for it. 2 Q. Well, I think there's a death certificate 3 here that maybe Mr. Corbett can -- a death 4 certificate clearly states what the cause of death 5 was. 6 MR. ADAMS: If Mr. Corbett would be so 7 kind as to share it so she can see what the cause of 8 death was and maybe she may -- 9 THE COURT: Mr. Adams, take that court 10 file and have her identify it and bring it back to 11 me. 12 MS. OGBUNEKE: Yes. 13 BY MR. ADAMS: 14 Q. Can you please tell me what the cause of 15 death was? What does it say? Do you have -- oh, 16 I'm sorry. Ms. Ogbuneke, I apologize. 17 Do you have one of those? Do you have an 18 official copy? 19 A. I don't. 20 Q. Oh, are you saying that the funeral home 21 never gave you a copy? 22 A. You asked me did I have one now. 23 THE COURT: Mr. Adams, I don't know what 24 -- 25 MS. OGBUNEKE: I mean, what is -- what is	45 1 training for nurses and haven't you been working in 2 the nursing and healthcare industry for quite a 3 while as -- 4 MR. CORBETT: Objection, Your Honor. 5 Compound question. 6 THE COURT: Sustained. 7 Mr. Adams, I can read the death 8 certificate. Just hand that back to me, please. 9 MR. ADAMS: Yes, ma'am. 10 THE COURT: And let's move on to the next 11 question. 12 MR. ADAMS: Yes, ma'am. 13 BY MR. ADAMS: 14 Q. Ms. Ogbuneke, how long would you say it 15 has been -- prior to your visit on August the 14th 16 -- how long would you estimate it has been that you 17 have actually come to Mr. Adams' estate to know what 18 -- what the contents are? How long has it been? 19 A. It was whenever I took dad from down there 20 because you weren't feeding him. You weren't 21 feeding him, and you were leaving him on the front 22 porch in the sun, and the neighbors were calling. 23 So whatever year that is, you should remember 24 because you were abusing him. 25 Q. Oh, was I?

46 1 A. That's why neither one of us were there. 2 Q. Okay. So Ms. Ogbuneke, are you actually 3 saying to the court that I abused Mr. Joe Louis 4 Adams, Sr.? 5 A. That's exactly what I'm saying. 6 Q. Are you saying that I did not take good 7 care of him, and that the neighbors would testify -- 8 are you saying that they -- you said they were 9 witnesses across the street -- 10 MR. CORBETT: Objection, Your Honor, 11 relevance. 12 THE COURT: Yes. Mr. Adams, anything that 13 happened like that prior to Mr. Adams' death is not 14 relevant to our inquiry today. 15 MR. ADAMS: Okay. 16 THE COURT: So let's just cease -- desist 17 and deacease -- 18 MR. ADAMS: On that -- 19 THE COURT: -- cease and desist from that 20 line of questioning. 21 MR. ADAMS: Let me just take a moment to 22 look at the application a little longer for a 23 moment. 24 THE COURT: Go ahead. 25 BY MR. ADAMS:	48 1 have taken jurisdiction of this estate if either of 2 those boxes were checked, so it really doesn't make 3 any sense to proceed -- 4 MR. ADAMS: Well, no, the -- 5 THE COURT: -- of reasoning for that line 6 of questioning. 7 MR. ADAMS: Oh, I'm sorry. I'm sorry. 8 Your Honor, the only reason I was trying to ask that 9 question was because the defendant -- 10 MR. CORBETT: Objection, Your Honor -- 11 MR. ADAMS: -- well, not -- 12 MR. CORBETT: -- facts not in evidence. 13 MR. ADAMS: I didn't get a chance to ask 14 the question yet. 15 THE COURT: Well -- 16 MR. ADAMS: I didn't get a chance -- 17 THE COURT: -- I'll overrule that. Let me 18 let him finish, and then -- 19 MR. ADAMS: I was just saying that there's 20 been an integrity issue, and that is part of my 21 reason for not wanting Ms. Ogbuneke to be the 22 personal representative, so that's the reason why -- 23 THE COURT: Do you have -- let me ask you 24 this, Mr. Adams. Do you have any evidence that she 25 has not performed her duties as personal
47 1 Q. Oh, on question number three again, I'd 2 like to revisit that, please. Ms. Ogbuneke, this 3 was a multiple-choice question. It was a multiple- 4 choice question. And on the second -- the second 5 line, it asks a specific question -- 6 MR. CORBETT: Objection, Your Honor -- 7 MR. ADAMS: -- of the -- 8 MR. CORBETT: -- not in evidence. This 9 documents has never been recorded as an exhibit in 10 this hearing -- 11 MR. ADAMS: This is the application for -- 12 THE COURT: Well, let me just -- I want to 13 short- circuit some of this because I think it's, 14 frankly, nonproductive. When we take an application 15 for probate, if a person is a nonresident of the 16 State of South Carolina, they would check the box, 17 and if they own property here they could check the 18 block that says that they were not domiciled here, 19 but they had property here. 20 MR. ADAMS: That is the -- that is the -- 21 THE COURT: Now, if the person was 22 actually a resident -- had certain indicia of 23 domicile, as is checked in the first one, then that 24 box would be checked. It is an either/or question. 25 But I want you to understand that this court could	49 1 representative? 2 MR. ADAMS: She hasn't had a chance to 3 yet. There hadn't been a -- 4 THE COURT: So you have no evidence that 5 she has not performed her duties? 6 MR. ADAMS: Well, as far -- as to now, no, 7 she has not. 8 THE COURT: Okay. 9 MR. ADAMS: So far as to now, she has not 10 performed her duties, none of them, as far as I 11 know. When she was supposed to serve me with a 12 letter that let me know that they were -- 13 THE COURT: We're going to talk about 14 that. 15 MR. ADAMS: Okay. But as far as I can 16 see, I've not had -- she has not done anything -- as 17 far as I can see, she has not done anything since 18 she has become personal representative at all, so if 19 she has done anything, I don't know about it. 20 THE COURT: Okay. Go ahead. Next 21 question. 22 MR. ADAMS: So there were -- I do have a 23 -- an issue with the -- with the integrity. I felt 24 as though that we were both very young when the will 25 was actually written --

50 1 THE COURT: Now you're testifying again, 2 so you need to ask a question. 3 MR. ADAMS: Okay. 4 BY MR. ADAMS: 5 Q. Ms. Ogbuneke, would you -- would you 6 expect a maybe 16-year-old to know how to deal with 7 even regular issues of life or regular issues of 8 legal issues? How would you feel that a 16-year-old 9 or younger would deal with legal issues? Would you 10 feel like that would be appropriate to give a 16- 11 year-old or a 12-year-old authorities or to give 12 them the rights at that age, or did you -- yes, 13 ma'am, that's the question. 14 MR. CORBETT: Objection, Your Honor, 15 relevance. 16 THE COURT: Sustained. Go on to the next 17 question, Mr. Adams. 18 MR. ADAMS: All righty. 19 BY MR. ADAMS: 20 Q. So Ms. Ogbuneke, as far as your knowledge, 21 you're saying that all of the statements that you 22 made in this application were all true? 23 A. That is correct, but I do know that when I 24 answered that thing on the guardianship, I need to 25 go back and see when the guardianship court date	52 1 information about the guardianship, but when I -- 2 when I received that, but to my knowledge, 3 everything I wrote in there was correct, and I don't 4 have the paperwork to know when because everything 5 you filed for me was late. So I don't know when I 6 got that information. 7 I remember the attorney -- the guardian -- 8 the guardian ad litem told me that I should have 9 already had that information, and I didn't have it, 10 so I know I was served very late for that, but I 11 don't know the timing between that and when I filled 12 out that application. 13 Q. I think you're misunderstanding the 14 question, Ms. Ogbuneke. Let me re -- let me go back 15 and read the question -- 16 A. I did answer yes. 17 Q. No, no. I need for you to answer this 18 question directly. Ms. Ogbuneke, I'm going to 19 repeat this question again. Would you like to have 20 -- to be able to review the bottom paragraph of the 21 application so that you -- so that I don't have to 22 read it? You can just read it yourself. 23 A. That was my answer. 24 THE COURT: I heard her answer it, Mr. 25 Adams. She said yes.
51 1 was. 2 Q. December the 4th, Ms. Ogbuneke. 3 A. I -- I need to see that. 4 Q. It was December the 4th. 5 A. Do you have that with you? 6 Q. I sure do. Do you need to see it? 7 THE COURT: Let's just wait until you have 8 an opportunity to ask questions. I'll ask your 9 attorney to clarify that. 10 MS. OGBUNEKE: Uh-uh. 11 BY MR. ADAMS: 12 Q. So at the bottom of this application it 13 says, verification, the undersigned being sworn 14 states that the facts set forth in the foregoing 15 statement are true to the best of the undersigned's 16 knowledge -- 17 A. Uh-huh. 18 Q. -- information and belief, and hereby 19 submits to the court jurisdiction in this matter. 20 So Ms. Ogbuneke, when you signed this, did you 21 review the application to know that there -- or was 22 there any reason that you would sign this knowing 23 that there were mis -- there were false statements 24 in the -- in the application process? 25 A. Again, I don't know when I was served the	53 1 MR. ADAMS: Okay. 2 BY MR. ADAMS: 3 Q. Ms. Ogbuneke, when Mr. Joe Adams passed 4 and we were trying to find a nursing home -- I mean, 5 a funeral home, who came up with the idea -- oh, I'm 6 sorry. I asked the wrong question. 7 Not who came up with the idea, but how did 8 the payment end up being paid? How was that paid? 9 A. Because you refused, you said that we 10 weren't going to have the funeral on the scheduled 11 date because you didn't have the money, and then you 12 told the funeral home director, Mr. Waters, that you 13 -- if you didn't have the money, he wasn't going to 14 be buried on that date we had already put in the 15 newspaper. So I told Mr. Waters it's okay. Dad 16 deserves to be buried on the date that we said, and 17 I paid the whole thing -- 18 Q. Ms. Ogbuneke -- 19 A. -- because you were making threats. 20 Q. Ms. Ogbuneke -- 21 THE COURT: What I heard was that she has 22 paid the funeral bill. Now, go to your next 23 question. 24 MR. ADAMS: Ms. Ogbuneke paid the funeral 25 bill. What she's saying is not completely correct.

54 1 THE COURT: Then ask the question. 2 BY MR. ADAMS: 3 Q. Ms. Ogbuneke, we were in a contract with 4 Green's Funeral Home. 5 MR. ADAMS: She was supposed to pay her 6 half, and I was supposed to pay my half. We entered 7 into a -- 8 THE COURT: Well, let me stop you. She's 9 already said she paid the whole funeral bill. 10 MR. ADAMS: But -- okay, that's the whole 11 point. She paid the whole funeral bill by coming to 12 Rock Hill unannounced and paid the funeral bill so 13 that I could not include -- 14 MR. CORBETT: Objection, Your Honor -- 15 MR. ADAMS: No, this is -- this is the way 16 I've been dealing with this -- 17 THE COURT: But this is not relevant to 18 determining who a personal representative is going 19 to be. This is -- 20 MR. ADAMS: Well, it's a character -- 21 THE COURT: -- this is a family 22 dysfunction issue, and we are not going there today. 23 MR. ADAMS: Okay. Well, I don't mean to. 24 I ask -- 25 THE COURT: Ask your next question.	56 1 Can you tell us what nursing facility he entered 2 into? 3 A. Yes. He entered into Britthaven for about 4 two months, and then he went to Royal Park, which 5 was actually Liberty at the time, and now they're 6 known as Royal Park. I know because I filled out 7 all the paperwork. 8 Q. Yes. Ms. Ogbuneke, did you -- are you 9 saying that you filled out all the paperwork and 10 that you were in complete -- are you -- can you 11 expand on that a little bit more? 12 A. I'm confused as to the question. You're 13 going to have to elaborate. 14 Q. Well, you mentioned that you had -- you 15 knew that that was true because you filled out all 16 the paperwork. 17 A. Uh-huh. 18 Q. What about at Royal Park? 19 MR. CORBETT: Objection, Your Honor, 20 relevance. 21 THE COURT: I'll sustain that. I don't 22 see what that's got to do with it either. 23 MR. ADAMS: Well, I was just making a 24 point that Ms. Ogbuneke -- I've had -- 25 MR. CORBETT: Your Honor, facts not in
55 1 MR. ADAMS: Okay, Your Honor. Yes, ma'am. 2 Yes, ma'am. 3 BY MR. ADAMS: 4 Q. Ms. Ogbuneke, were you aware -- 5 MR. ADAMS: Your Honor, I've injured my 6 leg. I need to sit down. 7 THE COURT: Oh, you can certainly sit 8 down. Just pull that microphone down so it picks 9 you up because this is being recorded. 10 MR. ADAMS: Yes, ma'am. 11 BY MR. ADAMS: 12 Q. Ms. Ogbuneke, so you stated to the court 13 -- well, let me just go back a little bit. Can you 14 please tell us where Mr. Adams -- 15 THE COURT: Let me tell you something, Mr. 16 Adams. 17 MR. ADAMS: -- Mr. Adams lived? 18 THE COURT: You've got about five more 19 minutes. 20 MR. ADAMS: I only have one more question. 21 THE COURT: Good. 22 BY MR. ADAMS: 23 Q. Can you tell us where Mr. Adams lived when 24 he -- after he got into the -- this disabled -- you 25 mentioned that he entered into the nursing facility.	57 1 evidence. 2 THE COURT: I already sustained the 3 objection. Just move on. Do you have any more 4 questions? 5 MR. ADAMS: Yes, ma'am. I don't have -- 6 will I get another chance to ask questions, or is 7 that the end of my questions? 8 THE COURT: That's the end of your 9 questioning. 10 MR. ADAMS: I had a statement that I 11 wanted to read -- 12 THE COURT: Well, you'll have an 13 opportunity to make a statement at the end. 14 MR. ADAMS: Okay. 15 THE COURT: You get -- at the end of a 16 trial, each party has the right to make a closing 17 argument, so you'll have the right to do that at the 18 end. But we're going to have to cut it short 19 because we've got deputies that are going to be on 20 overtime here pretty soon. 21 MR. ADAMS: Okay. Yes, ma'am. 22 THE COURT: Mr. Corbett, go ahead and ask 23 your questions of this witness. 24 MR. CORBETT: May it please the court, 25 Your Honor?

58 1 THE COURT: Certainly. 2 CROSS-EXAMINATION 3 BY MR. CORBETT: 4 Q. Ms. Ogbuneke, when did you become the PR 5 of this estate? 6 A. When I came up here. 7 Q. When would that be? 8 A. We're in what, August? I want to say 9 around April, May, somewhere in there, June. I'm 10 not quite sure. It was last year, I think. 11 Q. So it was this year or last year? What 12 year was it, calendar year? 13 A. It had to be this year. 14 Q. And your father passed away in February of 15 this year -- 16 A. In February of this year, yes. On the 17 12th. 18 Q. So after your father passed away, you 19 petitioned to become the personal representative 20 pursuant to the will, is that correct? 21 A. Well, when I went up there, the clerk of 22 court told me because mom and dad had named me as 23 executrix, that that would make me the PR for the 24 account. 25 Q. And after having that information, you	60 1 MR. CORBETT: -- you in the house, 2 correct? 3 MS. OGBUNEKE: That is correct. 4 MR. ADAMS: Objection. 5 THE COURT: What is your objection? 6 MR. ADAMS: There's no evidence of any of 7 this, what he's saying. There's no evidence. 8 THE COURT: Well, that's why he's asking 9 her the questions. Go ahead. 10 BY MR. CORBETT: 11 Q. And in the line of questioning today, did 12 it kind of seem like your brother may not have 13 received that phone call from you, is that what he's 14 trying to say? 15 A. That's what he's trying to say. 16 MR. CORBETT: May I approach the witness, 17 Your Honor? 18 THE COURT: Yes. 19 BY MR. CORBETT: 20 Q. Have you reviewed his complaint in this 21 case -- his petition, I should say, through a 22 (inaudible) personal representative? 23 A. Yes. 24 Q. In there, doesn't he mention that he 25 doesn't understand why you would have to come for an
59 1 were appointed as the PR, is that right? 2 A. Yes, sir. 3 Q. And since that, you have called your 4 brother to try and see what was in the house, is 5 that right? 6 A. That's correct. 7 Q. And you came into our office for a 8 consultation, is that correct? 9 A. Yes. 10 Q. And would you believe that that day was 11 July 13th of 2021? 12 A. That's correct. 13 Q. And on July 13th of 2021, you then, after 14 that, if not that night, the day after, went to 15 inventory the house, is that correct? 16 A. That's correct. 17 Q. So it was seven -- it was October -- July 18 13th or 14th, is that correct? 19 A. Yes. 20 Q. And that's the first time you traveled to 21 the house, but you had called him beforehand, 22 correct? 23 A. That is correct. 24 Q. And he refused to let -- 25 MR. ADAMS: Objection.	61 1 inventory of the estate? 2 A. Yes. 3 Q. And that document is dated what day? 4 A. It's filed on July 12th, 2021. 5 Q. Which would have been a day or two before 6 you even went for an inventory, isn't that right? 7 A. That's correct. 8 Q. So you've been trying to do your job in 9 this case, isn't that right? 10 A. Yes, I have. 11 Q. And during this entire process, your 12 brother has tried to stop you from doing it because 13 he doesn't like what the will says, is that right? 14 A. Continuous. 15 Q. So your understanding as PR, you have to 16 determine if there is any property left in that 17 house of your father's, right? 18 A. That is correct. That's what they told me 19 at the court. 20 Q. How long has your brother lived in that 21 house? 22 A. He was there for the first 17 years of his 23 life, and then he left and went to New Jersey and 24 stayed until he was maybe in his late 30s or 40s and 25 came back because my mom was sick with pancreatic

62 1 cancer. So he was gone a long time. 2 Q. So if we could give a date as to when he 3 moved back into the house and has stayed since, what 4 date -- what year do you think that would be? 5 A. Mom died that February -- that July, so -- 6 MR. ADAMS: Objection. 7 MS. OGBUNEKE: -- it was in -- 8 MR. ADAMS: Mom died in September. 9 THE COURT: All right. Thank you. 10 MS. OGBUNEKE: Mom had -- I'm sorry, mom 11 had -- got sick in July, July 5th, and then she died 12 on September the 11th of 2004. So he would have 13 came around August of 2004. 14 BY MR. CORBETT: 15 Q. And since 2004, he's lived in that house? 16 A. Uh-huh. Between that house and the house 17 beside it. 18 Q. When your father was moved out into the 19 assisted living facility, did he ever change his 20 driver's license? 21 A. No. 22 Q. Did you ever went to sell the house? 23 A. No. 24 Q. And the house is still in his name? 25 A. Still in his name.	64 1 fabrications. There was no letter ever -- if 2 there's a letter with my signature, she needs to 3 present it. 4 THE COURT: What is your response to that, 5 Mr. Corbett? 6 MR. CORBETT: Your Honor, I believe he's 7 failed to state any legal objection to my question 8 other than facts that he disputes. 9 MR. ADAMS: Okay. I'll -- 10 THE COURT: Well, let me just say again, 11 that really doesn't have anything to do with this, 12 so let's move on. 13 MR. CORBETT: Yes, Your Honor. 14 MS. OGBUNEKE: Can I say anything to that? 15 THE COURT: No. 16 MS. OGBUNEKE: Okay. 17 BY MR. CORBETT: 18 Q. When you say this court appointed, we're 19 not going to get into the details of the case, but 20 when you say this court appointed a guardian ad 21 litem, which court are you referring to? 22 A. Mecklenburg County. 23 Q. And what year did they appoint the 24 guardian ad litem? 25 A. 2021.
63 1 Q. And he was fine with your brother living 2 there, wasn't he? 3 A. He was. 4 Q. And let's talk about the guardian ad 5 litem. Was there ever a guardian ad litem appointed 6 over your father for the long-term, or was it 7 temporary? 8 A. Yes, it was. It was Mr. Byron (phonetic). 9 The court had appointed Mr. Byron -- Baron, B-a-r-o- 10 n -- had appointed him, and then when he appointed 11 him, my brother fell out with Mr. Baron and started 12 trying to get him disbarred and really made trouble 13 for Mr. Baron and called him all kind of names. He 14 even went up to the office -- 15 MR. ADAMS: Objection, objection. 16 MS. OGBUNEKE: He -- 17 MR. ADAMS: Objection. 18 THE COURT: When there's an objection, you 19 have to stop talking. 20 What is your objection? 21 MR. ADAMS: These are -- what she's 22 saying, there is no evidence to this. There's no 23 evidence. There's no submission to the bar. There 24 are no letters written to try to get Mr. -- Mr. 25 Baron Croshon (phonetic) disbarred. These are all	65 1 Q. And is that case still open? 2 A. No, because it ends when my dad died. 3 They were supposed to -- we were supposed to go back 4 to court for a permanent appointment of me because I 5 was appointed temporary, and my dad died before we 6 could get back to the court. 7 Q. So there was no final adjudication or 8 order of a guardian in your father's case in North 9 Carolina, is that correct? 10 A. That is correct, only the -- 11 MR. ADAMS: There was no -- 12 MS. OGBUNEKE: -- temporary. 13 BY MR. CORBETT: 14 Q. So there was a temporary -- 15 A. There was a temporary, yes. And there is 16 records of that. 17 Q. And is it to your knowledge that that case 18 was dismissed after he passed away? 19 A. Yes. 20 MR. CORBETT: And Your Honor, may I 21 approach? 22 THE COURT: Yes. 23 BY MR. CORBETT: 24 Q. Do you recognize this document, Ms. 25 Ogbuneke?

66 1 A. Yes, sir. 2 Q. What is it? 3 A. It's an order on motion for appointment of 4 interim guardian. 5 Q. And do you see on the top right the file 6 number? 7 A. Yes, sir. 8 Q. Can you state that file number? 9 A. 20SP2150. 10 Q. And is your understanding that that case 11 is now closed? 12 A. Yes, sir. 13 MR. ADAMS: Objection, Your Honor. The -- 14 the -- Ms. Ogbuneke put that there was no -- 15 THE COURT: We're going to get to that. 16 MR. ADAMS: Okay. 17 Go ahead. 18 BY MR. CORBETT: 19 Q. Ms. Ogbuneke, after you were told that 20 there was a restraining order, have you tried to go 21 back to the house? 22 A. No, sir. 23 Q. Have you tried to ascertain what property 24 is in the house? 25 A. No, sir.	68 1 if she's saying yes, then exactly what did you do, 2 because right now I have -- 3 THE COURT: We're going to get to that. 4 That objection is overruled. 5 MR. ADAMS: Okay. 6 THE COURT: Go ahead, Mr. Corbett. 7 BY MR. CORBETT: 8 Q. Ms. Ogbuneke, you have to follow the will, 9 is that correct? 10 A. Yes, sir. 11 Q. And is that your wish, as PR, what to do 12 in this case? 13 A. Yes, sir. 14 MR. CORBETT: Your Honor, I have no 15 further witness for this client -- questions for 16 this witness. 17 EXAMINATION BY 18 THE COURT: 19 THE COURT: Questions. All right. 20 I have a few questions for you, Ms. 21 Ogbuneke. So when you were appointed as temporary 22 guardian, were you appointed as guardian of the 23 person or of the estate? 24 MS. OGBUNEKE: I'm not sure. I don't have 25 the document in front of me. I can't remember.
67 1 Q. Are you aware of any pending lawsuits that 2 you or any PR or any agent you put forward as PR of 3 the estate have brought on your father's behalf? 4 A. No, sir. 5 MR. ADAMS: Objection, Your Honor. Ms. 6 Ogbuneke stated that she never received any order 7 from the police for a restraining order. 8 THE COURT: Well, that wasn't the 9 question. 10 MR. ADAMS: Oh, I thought he said -- 11 THE COURT: Overruled. 12 Go ahead, Mr. Corbett. 13 MR. CORBETT: Thank you, Your Honor. 14 BY MR. CORBETT: 15 Q. And since then, have you tried to act in 16 the best way you can to ascertain your father's 17 assets? 18 A. Yes, sir. 19 Q. And can you make decisions different than 20 what the will states? 21 A. No. I have to go by that will -- 22 MR. ADAMS: Objection, Your Honor. 23 There's no -- it -- the attorney needs to be more 24 clear. He said to the best of your knowledge or to 25 the best of your ability, and I would like to know	69 1 THE COURT: What have you got, Mr. 2 Corbett? 3 In North Carolina, a person is appointed a 4 guardian of the -- 5 MR. ADAMS: This is not the document -- 6 THE COURT: -- person if they -- 7 MR. ADAMS: That is not the document. 8 THE COURT: -- are what we call a 9 guardian, which is physical -- 10 MR. ADAMS: There's a document that 11 clearly states -- 12 THE COURT: Let's -- let's listen to the 13 court, Mr. Adams. 14 MR. ADAMS: Oh, yes, ma'am. 15 THE COURT: In North Carolina, there is a 16 guardian of the person, which is what we would just 17 call a guardian, and that's somebody who has custody 18 and control of an incapacitated person. In North 19 Carolina, there's a guardian of the estate, which is 20 what we call a conservator, which handles the 21 financial aspects of a person who -- needs of a 22 person who's incapacitated. 23 So were you ever in position of or in 24 charge of any of your father's assets, financial 25 assets?

70 1 MS. OGBUNEKE: Yes, ma'am. 2 THE COURT: Okay. What were they? 3 MS. OGBUNEKE: Anything to do with what 4 was his assets? 5 THE COURT: Uh-huh. 6 MS. OGBUNEKE: His check. I am the -- 7 what do you call it at the bank? 8 THE COURT: Representative payee? 9 MS. OGBUNEKE: Yes. I've been that for 10 many years for him. 11 THE COURT: That's on his social security? 12 MS. OGBUNEKE: Yes, ma'am. 13 THE COURT: All right. But he's not 14 receiving social security any longer, correct? 15 MS. OGBUNEKE: No, ma'am. 16 THE COURT: So before he died, you were 17 the representative payee for social security? 18 MS. OGBUNEKE: Oh, yes, for many years. 19 That was put in place because Mr. Adams was taking 20 his money out of the bank. 21 THE COURT: Okay. Did you -- did you ever 22 obtain any of his assets other than social security 23 -- 24 MS. OGBUNEKE: No, ma'am. 25 THE COURT: -- while you were the guardian	72 1 And of that 12,000, my intentions are -- is to pay 2 for the plaque that goes on his -- his -- 3 THE COURT: You said 12,000. Did you mean 4 1,200? 5 MS. OGBUNEKE: I mean 1,200, yes, ma'am. 6 Thank you. 7 THE COURT: All right. Now, after you 8 were appointed personal representative, you had 30 9 days to file proof of delivery of an information to 10 heirs and devisees. 11 MS. OGBUNEKE: Uh-huh. 12 THE COURT: Why have you not done that? 13 MS. OGBUNEKE: I have. I have all of 14 them. I have all of them at home, but the one that 15 was filed to Mr. Adams, he refused it. It just now 16 came. I sent it to the attorney in his database. 17 He just -- we just got that card back on August, I 18 think, 22nd, but all the rest of them that I filed, 19 they came back in a timely manner, but Mr. Adams, 20 when it was filed to him, he refused it. 21 THE COURT: Well, you know you only have 22 to send that by regular mail. 23 MS. OGBUNEKE: What? Oh, I sent them 24 certified mail because they told me at the court I 25 could do that. I wanted to make sure I had record
71 1 -- or temporary guardian? 2 MS. OGBUNEKE: No. 3 THE COURT: Okay. Do you have possession 4 of any of his assets now? 5 MS. OGBUNEKE: I don't. 6 THE COURT: Okay. Now, the -- what do you 7 know of his -- what are his assets? 8 MS. OGBUNEKE: Well, he has cars down 9 there on the yard. He has several lots of land down 10 there. There's two houses on the property. One was 11 my grandfather's older home. One was the main 12 house. And that's all he has, really. 13 THE COURT: Bank account? 14 MS. OGBUNEKE: He had a -- he has -- he 15 had a bank account that is supposed -- we -- he has 16 a bank account right now that's a custodial bank 17 account, and he only has that one bank account. 18 THE COURT: How much is in it? 19 MS. OGBUNEKE: It's about a thousand two 20 hundred, but that thousand two hundred was from 21 whenever -- like, when -- what was the thing called 22 where they were giving money to the people, the 600 23 -- 24 THE COURT: The stimulus checks? 25 MS. OGBUNEKE: Yes. That was from that.	73 1 to show I had done that. 2 THE COURT: Okay. Do you have a proof of 3 delivery indicating that that was done within 30 4 days of your appointment? 5 MS. OGBUNEKE: Yes. I have -- well, I 6 don't know about 30 days of my appointment because I 7 called the court. I talked to -- I forget her name, 8 but I told her all of the -- 9 MR. ADAMS: Evelyn -- 10 MS. OGBUNEKE: -- all of them weren't 11 back, and she said okay, just as they come in, just 12 bring them in. 13 THE COURT: Well, that would be the cards 14 themselves -- 15 MS. OGBUNEKE: Plus, I'm -- 16 THE COURT: Don't interrupt me. 17 MS. OGBUNEKE: Okay. 18 THE COURT: That would be the cards 19 themselves, but the proof of delivery is to be filed 20 within 30 days of your appointment. Have you done 21 that? 22 MS. OGBUNEKE: Is that the green and 23 white? 24 THE COURT: No. That's a court form which 25 I'm sure Evelyn talked to you about --

74 1 MS. OGBUNEKE: Evelyn. 2 THE COURT: -- which says that you mailed 3 or delivered these documents to these people at 4 these addresses on a certain date, and you have not 5 filed that with the court, and that was due within 6 30 days of your appointment. 7 MS. OGBUNEKE: Yeah. I have not filed 8 that because everything else -- I talked to my 9 attorney about it, and he told me that he was going 10 to handle the probate from that point, because at 11 that time, I had gotten served with the -- 12 THE COURT: Paperwork. 13 MS. OGBUNEKE: -- what is it called? 14 THE COURT: The application for restraint. 15 MS. OGBUNEKE: Yes, ma'am, so he told me 16 -- 17 THE COURT: All right. So -- now, do you 18 understand that the inventory is now due? 19 MS. OGBUNEKE: Yes, ma'am. I can't get in 20 the house, though. 21 THE COURT: Okay. But you can file an 22 inventory of all the other assets, correct? 23 MS. OGBUNEKE: The ones that I have 24 knowledge of, not ones that -- she said I have to 25 see them. I don't?	76 1 THE COURT: Okay. Do you know anything -- 2 are you -- do you intend to file any type of 3 personal injury lawsuit on behalf of your father? 4 MS. OGBUNEKE: Personal injury? 5 THE COURT: For any issues with his 6 treatment at the facility where he lived? 7 MS. OGBUNEKE: No, ma'am. 8 THE COURT: Okay. 9 MR. ADAMS: Your Honor -- 10 THE COURT: No. 11 Let's see. 12 MS. OGBUNEKE: I think as the -- as the -- 13 I think that comes under the personal 14 representative, doesn't it? If any lawsuit is filed 15 on his behalf? 16 THE COURT: Well, only a personal 17 representative can bring a lawsuit on behalf of a 18 decedent. Once the person has passed away, the 19 personal representative steps into his shoes. 20 MS. OGBUNEKE: Okay. 21 THE COURT: I think that's all the 22 questions I have. 23 Do you have any brief follow-up questions, 24 Mr. Adams? 25 MR. ADAMS: Yes.
75 1 THE COURT: Well, things like household 2 and furniture -- household effects and personal 3 effects typically are listed as sort of a general 4 household and personal effects and assigned a very 5 modest value because they're not worth much, 6 frankly. 7 MS. OGBUNEKE: Right. 8 THE COURT: But things like vehicles, that 9 should be able to be ascertained by going online and 10 looking at what the taxing authorities have, things 11 like the houses, registered deeds has all that 12 information. That's due now. 13 MS. OGBUNEKE: Okay. 14 THE COURT: All right? 15 MS. OGBUNEKE: Okay. I don't have a 16 problem doing that, Your Honor. 17 THE COURT: Well, good because that's 18 required. 19 Now, have you ever collected any rent 20 since you were appointed as personal representative 21 for any of the properties? 22 MS. OGBUNEKE: No, ma'am. 23 THE COURT: So no rent, okay. 24 MS. OGBUNEKE: I didn't even know I could 25 do that.	77 1 THE COURT: Briefly. 2 MR. ADAMS: I was just wanting to mention 3 that she had come -- when she came down on the 12th 4 -- or the 13th, she was at the estate and you could 5 clearly see the houses and all of the things that we 6 were -- that she just described. 7 You would be able to see those plainly 8 from the outside. But Ms. Ogbuneke wanted to -- was 9 demanding to get entry into the house, and that's 10 where we had a problem because I said I didn't have 11 any notice, and I would have rather her let me know 12 she was coming other than come with the -- you know, 13 with the cameras and all of this stuff, you know. 14 And the police said that when she came, 15 that she did not have any -- any information from 16 the court. 17 MR. CORBETT: Objection, Your Honor, facts 18 not in evidence. 19 MR. ADAMS: She say she did not have -- 20 THE COURT: There's an objection, and I'm 21 going to sustain it. I hear what you're saying. I 22 understand. 23 MR. ADAMS: Okay. 24 THE COURT: All right. Any follow-up, Mr. 25 Corbett?

78 1 MR. CORBETT: Yes, Your Honor, briefly. 2 FURTHER CROSS-EXAMINATION 3 BY MR. CORBETT: 4 Q. Ms. Ogbuneke, do you remember discussing 5 how the lawsuit for your father's care and treatment 6 would have to be taken up in North Carolina? 7 A. Yes, sir. 8 Q. Do you remember discussing that I'm not 9 North Carolina barred? 10 A. Yes, sir. 11 Q. And that we would have to search for a 12 North Carolina attorney in order to sue as the agent 13 of your father's estate, or PR -- 14 A. Yes, sir. 15 MR. ADAMS: He's leading the -- 16 MS. OGBUNEKE: Yes, sir. 17 BY MR. CORBETT: 18 Q. So that -- you have looked into it. It 19 just hasn't -- 20 MR. ADAMS: Objection -- objection -- 21 MS. OGBUNEKE: I have. That's correct. 22 MR. ADAMS: -- he's leading the witness. 23 MS. OGBUNEKE: I did say -- 24 THE COURT: Well -- 25 MS. OGBUNEKE: -- but I'm --	80 1 A. That is correct. 2 Q. And then once you meet with an attorney in 3 North Carolina, they can bring that case and they 4 deem that it's going to be beneficial for the 5 estate, do you plan on bringing a case like that? 6 A. Yes, I do. 7 Q. Further, when you were attempting to get 8 all the inventory together, you were attempting to 9 get the entire inventory before submitting a 10 temporary one, is that correct? 11 A. That is correct. 12 Q. And during this last month or two, you've 13 been dealing with more than one legal issue in this? 14 A. Yes. I've been dealing with this 15 restraint and then there was another one that we -- 16 they just threw out down at (inaudible) from him as 17 well. And then also, you know, he took -- okay. 18 Q. Well, Ms. Ogbuneke, I do want to just say 19 you've been dealing with a lot of legal issues, 20 true? 21 A. A lot of legal issues. 22 Q. And it's been a lot of work on you to 23 respond to all of these different actions, is that 24 right? 25 A. It has been, yes, sir.
79 1 THE COURT: Stop. 2 MS. OGBUNEKE: Uh-huh. 3 THE COURT: If you're going to object to 4 leading the witness, that is not going to be -- 5 that's not going to fly with this court because I 6 didn't hear you do anything but lead the witness, 7 and she was your witness. 8 MR. ADAMS: All right. 9 THE COURT: That was a direct examination. 10 You can't -- 11 MR. ADAMS: Okay. Oh, I -- I was just 12 thinking that he was telling her what to say -- 13 THE COURT: He's on cross-examination. He 14 can lead. 15 MR. ADAMS: Okay, then. I'm sorry. I 16 apologize to the court. 17 THE COURT: All right. 18 Go ahead, Mr. Corbett. 19 BY MR. CORBETT: 20 Q. So as PR, you do realize that it's in your 21 power to bring a lawsuit if it is deemed necessary? 22 A. Yes, sir. 23 Q. And you believe that bringing this lawsuit 24 is only proper after reviewing all the facts and 25 evidence in that case, is that correct?	81 1 Q. And do you plan on filing the -- the proof 2 of delivery with the court? 3 A. Immediately, yes, sir. 4 MR. CORBETT: All right. No further 5 questions, Your Honor. 6 MS. OGBUNEKE: Okay. I'm sorry, Your 7 Honor. 8 THE COURT: All right. Thank you. You 9 may step down. 10 Do you wish to call a witness, Mr. 11 Corbett? 12 MR. CORBETT: Your Honor, first I'd like 13 to make a motion to have this court made a judgment 14 pursuant -- end of the petitioner's case. 15 THE COURT: Go ahead. 16 MR. CORBETT: Your Honor, this -- the 17 defendant in this matter makes the motion based on 18 statements from the opposing party that she hasn't 19 had a chance to do her job. And his motion is that 20 she should be removed as the personal 21 representative, yet he's claiming she hasn't had a 22 chance to do so yet. 23 And for that, we would say that there's 24 been no evidence put forward that my client has 25 acted improperly and so for that --

82 1 THE COURT: You'll have a chance. Just 2 sit down. 3 MR. CORBETT: -- for that, we would ask 4 for a directed verdict at this time. Thank you. 5 THE COURT: All right. Thank you. 6 And you don't have to stand up if your leg 7 is bothering you. 8 MR. ADAMS: Yes, ma'am. Ms. Ogbuneke 9 signed this petition in May. It is now August. She 10 had all the way between May and I think it was July 11 or August the 12th, so that is a lot of time in 12 between there that she could have easily taken care 13 of some of those. And if she had served these other 14 parts -- these other -- the other people, she 15 certainly had time to file those documents with the 16 court. 17 THE COURT: Thank you. All right. Now, 18 Mr. Corbett's made a motion for directed verdict, 19 which basically, legally, what that means is that 20 you have not provided enough evidence in your case 21 in chief to be able to prove the allegations that 22 you've made in the application and petition -- or 23 the application for restraining performance. 24 I'm going to grant that motion for a 25 directed verdict because I have heard no evidence	84 1 THE COURT: You can appeal the order. 2 MR. ADAMS: Oh, I can appeal it? Okay. 3 THE COURT: Uh-huh. That's just going to 4 delay the administration of the estate, but you can 5 do that. 6 MR. ADAMS: Okay. Yes, ma'am. 7 THE COURT: So in the order, Mr. Corbett, 8 I want her to file the inventory -- the proof of 9 delivery of the information to heirs and devisees -- 10 yes, to heirs and devisees within -- well, 11 immediately within the week. I want the inventory 12 filed within 14 days. There will be no extensions 13 on that. 14 Now, as far as household and personal 15 effects, she can just summarize that as household 16 and personal effects, but she can -- and you're 17 going to be assisting her with the estate 18 administration, correct? 19 MR. CORBETT: That's correct, Your Honor. 20 THE COURT: Okay. So she needs to list 21 all the vehicles, values of the vehicles. She needs 22 to list the lots, houses on the lots. And on the 23 inventory of the estate, she's got to show the book 24 and page number of where they were deeded to Mr. 25 Adams, the Tax Mat number, all that information
83 1 that Ms. Ogbuneke has committed any malfeasance as 2 the personal representative of this estate. There 3 is a will. It's a valid will. It's not being 4 challenged. And it appoints her as the personal 5 representative. 6 She has not done a couple things that she 7 was supposed to do, one of which was file the proof 8 of delivery of the information to heirs and 9 devisees. You've already brought that up. 10 So I'm going to ask that Mr. Corbett 11 prepare an order granting his motion for directed 12 verdict, but also imposing certain immediate 13 requirements on -- on the personal representative. 14 MR. ADAMS: So what exactly are -- what 15 exactly is happening right now? 16 THE COURT: I am telling you that she is 17 going to continue to be the personal representative 18 of the estate. 19 MR. ADAMS: Oh, okay. So even though she 20 falsified the application, those things -- 21 THE COURT: I don't consider the, quote, 22 "falsifications" on the application to be of any 23 legal significance whatsoever. 24 MR. ADAMS: Your Honor, do I have an 25 object -- can I file a -- is there a --	85 1 needs to be very clearly spelled out, and a copy 2 needs to be sent to Mr. Adams as soon as that's 3 filed or at the same time that that's filed, so he 4 can see -- 5 MR. ADAMS: How much time do I have to 6 appeal it when -- when I put -- how long do I have 7 to appeal the decision? 8 THE COURT: You have ten days from the 9 entry of the order. 10 MR. ADAMS: Okay. 11 THE COURT: Okay? Which it's not going to 12 be entered right away. I mean, he's got to prepare 13 the order. He's got to send it to me. I've got to 14 review it, and then I've got to sign it and enter 15 it. 16 MR. ADAMS: So I will get a copy of the 17 order when it's signed? 18 THE COURT: Uh-huh. You will. 19 MR. ADAMS: Okay. 20 THE COURT: Now, I want something in the 21 order to the effect that the court will reserve a 22 right to impose a requirement of a bond, depending 23 on what the liquid assets of the estate, and that 24 would include the value of the cars. So there will 25 be a need to have a bond posted at some point. It

86 1 may be a very minimal bond, but it will be a bond. 2 MR. ADAMS: What does that mean? 3 THE COURT: That means that the personal 4 representative will post a bond for the value of the 5 liquid assets of the estate, not the real estate. 6 MR. ADAMS: Well, Your Honor, I'm having 7 an issue with this because -- 8 THE COURT: You may have an issue with it. 9 MR. ADAMS: I know, Your Honor. I'm just 10 trying to talk. I have been living there for all of 11 this time, and I've spent all of my 401k's, all of 12 my monies that I have had -- 13 THE COURT: Then you may file a claim in 14 the estate and try to prove your claim, but you need 15 to talk to an attorney about that. 16 And then that would be -- you know, you 17 have a right to live there. You're a half-owner. 18 The will leaves half of everything to you, so -- 19 MR. ADAMS: Oh. 20 THE COURT: -- you have the right to live 21 there. 22 MR. ADAMS: Oh, so she can't come and put 23 me out? 24 THE COURT: No. 25 MR. ADAMS: All right, then.	88 1 order to monitor that, that's going to be an estate 2 expense, and she can do that. 3 If you're willing to do it, Mr. Corbett, 4 if you want to go down there and monitor that, 5 that's something that you could do as well. 6 If you hire an attorney, you could have 7 your attorney there as well. 8 All she's supposed to do is inventory it. 9 Now, as I was saying, typically, furniture and 10 personal effects -- 11 MR. ADAMS: Your Honor, there's -- 12 THE COURT: Don't interrupt me, Mr. Adams. 13 Typically, furniture isn't worth a lot. 14 Now, there could be some things that you have 15 purchased for the house that are yours. That's 16 fine. That's not part of the estate. You're going 17 to have to prove that. You're going to have to show 18 that you've got receipts or that there -- 19 MR. ADAMS: I do have them with me now. 20 THE COURT: Okay. And if you can 21 establish that you bought that stuff, that's not 22 your father's asset. That's your asset -- 23 MR. ADAMS: Well, what about -- 24 THE COURT: -- so that would not be on the 25 inventory.
87 1 THE COURT: Now, it may be that down the 2 road she decides that the property needs to be sold, 3 at which time she could ask for an order asking that 4 you be evicted. 5 MR. ADAMS: But I have half of it then, 6 too. I would still have -- I would still have half 7 of the -- 8 THE COURT: Yeah. You own 50 percent of 9 everything in the estate. 10 MR. ADAMS: Okay. 11 THE COURT: That's what the will says. 12 MR. ADAMS: I -- I was under the 13 impression that she would be able to just come down 14 there and try to put me out and try to just get rid 15 of everything, and that was the reason I was -- 16 THE COURT: No. You're half-owner. Okay? 17 MR. ADAMS: Your Honor, I would also like 18 to ask another question. When Ms. Ogbuneke needs to 19 come, if she wants to come -- 20 THE COURT: I'm getting there. I'm 21 getting there. 22 So in the order, it also needs to provide 23 that Ms. Ogbuneke is to have access to the interior 24 of the home so that she can file an inventory. Now, 25 if she needs to hire an off-duty police officer in	89 1 MR. ADAMS: Well, what about the roof that 2 I put on the house? And -- 3 THE COURT: That's something you would 4 have to file a claim about. 5 MR. ADAMS: Oh, so I can file a claim 6 against -- 7 THE COURT: Uh-huh. 8 MR. ADAMS: Oh, I -- 9 THE COURT: But then you have to prove 10 your claim. 11 MR. ADAMS: Oh, I have the receipts. 12 THE COURT: You have to prove the claim. 13 MR. ADAMS: Okay. 14 THE COURT: And that's not going to be an 15 easy thing to do. 16 MR. ADAMS: I understand. But I did not 17 understand before. One of the things that I'm not 18 understanding as well is if I've been there for 17 19 years now, there's no furniture left in the house. 20 I threw all that stuff, the old stuff broke down -- 21 THE COURT: She's not going to see that 22 until she gets in the house. 23 All right. Mr. Corbett? 24 MR. CORBETT: One question, Your Honor, so 25 that my client -- can we make it clear in the order

90 1 that my client has a right to also inspect the 2 vehicles on the properties? 3 THE COURT: Yes. 4 MR. CORBETT: Thank you. 5 THE COURT: And the keys need to be turned 6 over to her. The personal representative is charged 7 with gathering the assets of the estate and then 8 distributing out according to the will. But that 9 means, as far as personal property is concerned, she 10 can take that personal property into her possession 11 for administrative purposes. So she -- 12 MR. ADAMS: Even if I -- 13 THE COURT: I could -- 14 MR. ADAMS: -- even if -- 15 THE COURT: Don't interrupt me. 16 MR. ADAMS: Oh, okay. 17 THE COURT: Because there have been -- 18 we're still in the claims period. There may be 19 creditors that come in to file claims against the 20 estate. I don't know if the notice to creditors has 21 run yet. It probably has. There may not be any 22 claims. But she's got to marshal the assets of the 23 estate to take care of expenses, taxes, and so on, 24 and claims that are filed against the estate. 25 That's her obligation as personal representative.	92 1 building? 2 THE COURT: No, it's not in this building. 3 MR. ADAMS: Okay. Where would it -- where 4 is the circuit court? 5 THE COURT: I can't give you any legal 6 advice. You'll have to talk to an attorney about 7 that. 8 MR. ADAMS: Okay. 9 THE COURT: Mr. Corbett, did you want to 10 ask any other -- 11 MR. CORBETT: No, Your Honor. That was a 12 question I can handle. Thank you. 13 THE COURT: Okay. All righty. All right 14 -- 15 MR. ADAMS: So just so I'm clear, just so 16 I'm clear, I own 50 percent? 17 THE COURT: Yes. 18 MR. ADAMS: All righty. 19 THE COURT: Thank you. That concludes the 20 hearing. 21 (Whereupon, the hearing concluded.) 22 23 24 25
91 1 MR. ADAMS: Okay. So for all of the 2 taxes, insurance that I've paid on those vehicles, 3 can I make a claim on that? Because I kept those 4 vehicles insured through the whole time. 5 THE COURT: Not if it was done before he 6 died. 7 MR. ADAMS: Huh? 8 THE COURT: Not if it was done before he 9 died. Now, you can file a claim for it, but I don't 10 think your claim's going to be -- 11 MR. ADAMS: Well, what about -- what about 12 the insurance that I've kept on the house all this 13 time? 14 THE COURT: Again, you can file a claim 15 for it, and then you've got to prove your claim. 16 MR. ADAMS: Okay. 17 THE COURT: Your client wants to ask a 18 question, Mr. Corbett. 19 MR. ADAMS: I feel it's very unfair. So 20 when I -- if I file the appeal, I appeal to the 21 supreme court from this place from now? 22 THE COURT: No, sir. You appeal to the 23 circuit court. 24 MR. ADAMS: Appeal to the circuit court is 25 my next -- is that circuit court here in this	93 1 CERTIFICATE 2 3 I, Jodi Dean, do hereby certify that the 4 proceeding named herein was professionally transcribed on 5 the date set forth in the certificate herein; that I 6 transcribed all testimony adduced and other oral proceedings 7 had in the foregoing matter; and that the foregoing 8 transcript pages constitute a full, true, and correct record 9 of such testimony adduced and oral proceeding had and of the 10 whole thereof. 11 12 IN WITNESS HEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand 13 this 26th day of September, 2022. 14 15 16 17 18 /S/ Jodi Dean 19 20 21 22 23 24 25

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