

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
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COUNTY OF ~~LAURENS~~ ^{Newberry})
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Jefferson Davis, Jr.)
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Plaintiff,)
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vs.)
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Chad Connelly, Tom Persons,)
Geoffrey Chambers, Esq., and)
South Carolina Educational Credit)
for Exceptional Needs Children)
Fund.)
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Defendants.)
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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Case Number: 2020-CP-36-00384

ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANT'S MOTION
FOR SANCTIONS AGAINST PLAINTIFF

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SC Court of Appeals

This Court issued an Order on September 19, 2022 granting Defendants' Motion for Sanctions against the Plaintiff.¹ The Findings and Rulings in that Order are incorporated herein by reference. Justin Novak requested fees and costs, by way of Affidavits², as follows:

\$19,746.28

It appears that the above fees and costs represent Mr. Novak's total time and cost spent on the case. While the Court is convinced that Mr. Novak has earned his requested total fee, the Court does not believe SCRCP 37 authorizes a total award of fees accrued by an attorney's involvement in the case, but rather a specific award for discovery abuses. Consequently, the Court is going to award a 15% sanction against the Plaintiff for Mr. Novak as follows:

\$2,961.00

The Plaintiff shall pay the above within 90 days of the date of this Order to each attorney.

SO ORDERED.



DONALD B. HOCKER
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

Laurens, South Carolina
Date: 12-28-22

¹The Court in this Order reserved the right to decrease or nullify any fee request.

² Plaintiff offered no opposition to the Motion or the subsequent submission of Fee Affidavits.