

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA) IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
COUNTY OF DARLINGTON) FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Samantha Joanne Carwile, individually and) C/A No. 2020-CP-16-00299
as the Personal Representative of the Estate)
of Marlayna Joan Carwile,)

Plaintiff,)

vs.)

Chris Anderson and Danielle Anderson,)

Defendants.)

**ORDER OF REFERENCE
TO SPECIAL REFEREE**

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SC Court of Appeals

This matter comes before the Court on Plaintiff’s motion for referral to a special referee pursuant to Rule 53, SCRPC. The motion is granted.

On November 29, 2022, the Court entered an Order holding both Defendants in default. Neither Defendant filed a motion to reconsider that Order, and the time to file such a motion has passed.

Pursuant to Rule 53, SCRPC, the Court hereby appoints as Special Referee attorney Patrick J. McLaughlin of Wukela Law Firm in Florence, South Carolina, who has consented to serve in this role. Mr. McLaughlin shall have the full power and authority of this Court, and he shall rule on any motion for default judgment; hold a damages hearing and take all testimony and other evidence; and enter and enforce final judgment. He shall have and retain jurisdiction over any motions related to the appointment of him as special referee; any motions related to the entry of default, including but not limited to motions pursuant to Rule 55, SCRPC; any motions related to the entry of default judgment, including but not limited to motions pursuant to Rules 59 and 60, SCRPC; and any motions to intervene pursuant to Rule 24, SCRPC. Mr. McLaughlin will also have and retain jurisdiction over any supplemental proceedings in connection with this matter. All Orders of the Special Referee shall be filed with the Clerk of Court for Darlington County.

The Special Referee shall have the authority to hold any hearing virtually or at any location that he may choose.

The Special Referee shall be compensated at a rate of \$500.00 per hour. The Special Referee's fees and costs shall be paid by Plaintiff, with the provision that if a Defendant appears to participate in any of the proceedings, through counsel or otherwise, then the Special Referee's fees and costs shall be equally divided among all parties who have participated.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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defendant, et al
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So Ordered

s/Scott B. Suggs by JEG