

# The South Carolina Court of Appeals

Michael David Link and Sandra Strickland Link,  
Plaintiffs,

v.

3M Company, 4520 Corp., Inc., ABB Inc., Amentum Environment & Energy, Inc., Armstrong International, Inc., Bahnson, Inc., Beaty Investments, Inc., Bechtel Corporation, The Bonitz Company, Brenntag North America, Inc., Brenntag Specialties, LLC, Carboline Company, Carrier Corporation, Celanese Corporation, CNA Holdings, LLC, Cooper Crouse-Hinds, LLC, Covil Corporation, Daniel International Corporation, Davis Mechanical Contractors, Inc., Eaton Corporation, Ellington Insulation Company, Inc., Emerson Electric Co., Ericsson Inc., Fisher Controls International, LLC, Flowserve Corporation, Flowserve US, Inc., Fluor Constructors International, Fluor Constructors International, Inc., Fluor Daniel Services Corporation, Fluor Enterprises, Inc., General Cable Corporation, General Cable Industries, Inc., General Electric Company, Gould Electronics, Inc., Goulds Pumps, Incorporated, Graybar Electric Company, Inc., Great Barrier Insulation Co., Grinnell, LLC, Heat & Frost Insulation Company, Inc., Henry Pratt Company, LLC, Howden North America, Inc., ITT, LLC, J & L Insulation, Inc., K-Mac Services, Inc., Kohler Co., Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, Michelin Corporation, Michelin North America, Inc., Milliken & Company, Occidental Chemical Corporation, The Okonite Company, Inc., Paramount Global, PECW Holding Company, Plastics Engineering Company, Presnell Insulation Co., Inc., Prysmian Cables and Systems USA, LLC, Raytheon Technologies Corporation, Redco Corporation, Riley Power Inc., Rockwell Automation, Inc., R.T. Vanderbilt Holding Company, Inc., Rust Engineering & Construction, Inc.,

Rust International, Inc., Saint-Gobain Abrasives, Inc.,  
Schneider Electric USA, Inc., Sequoia Ventures, Inc.,  
Siemens Industry, Inc., Southern Insulation, Inc., Spence  
Engineering Company, Inc., Spirax Sarco, Inc., SPX  
Cooling Technologies, LLC, Standard Insulation  
Company of N.C., Inc., Starr Davis Company, Inc., Starr  
Davis Company of S.C., Inc., Thermo Electric Company,  
Inc., Union Carbide Corporation, Vanderbilt Minerals,  
LLC, Viking Pump, Inc., Vistra Intermediate Company,  
LLC, Whittaker, Clark & Daniels, Inc., The William  
Powell Company, Wind Up, Ltd., York International  
Corporation, Zurn Industries, LLC, Defendants,

AND

Heather Donaghy, as Personal Representative of the  
Estate of Shirley Smiley Potter, Deceased, Plaintiffs,

v.

3M Company, 4520 Corp., Inc., ABB Inc., Amentum  
Environment & Energy, Inc., Armstrong International,  
Inc., Bahnsen, Inc., Beaty Investments, Inc., Bechtel  
Corporation, The Bonitz Company, Brenntag North  
America, Inc., Brenntag Specialties, LLC, Carboline  
Company, Carrier Corporation, Celanese Corporation,  
CNA Holdings, LLC, Cooper Crouse-Hinds, LLC, Covil  
Corporation, Daniel International Corporation, Davis  
Mechanical Contractors, Inc., Eaton Corporation,  
Ellington Insulation Company, Inc., Emerson Electric  
Co., Ericsson Inc., Fisher Controls International, LLC,  
Flowserve Corporation, Flowserve US, Inc., Fluor  
Constructors International, Fluor Constructors  
International, Inc., Fluor Daniel Services Corporation,  
Fluor Enterprises, Inc., General Cable Corporation,  
General Cable Industries, Inc., General Electric  
Company, Gould Electronics, Inc., Goulds Pumps,  
Incorporated, Graybar Electric Company, Inc., Great  
Barrier Insulation Co., Grinnell, LLC, Heat & Frost  
Insulation Company, Inc., Henry Pratt Company, LLC,

Howden North America, Inc., ITT, LLC, J & L Insulation, Inc., K-Mac Services, Inc., Kohler Co., Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, Michelin Corporation, Michelin North America, Inc., Milliken & Company, Occidental Chemical Corporation, The Okonite Company, Inc., Paramount Global, PECW Holding Company, Plastics Engineering Company, Presnell Insulation Co., Inc., Prysmian Cables and Systems USA, LLC, Raytheon Technologies Corporation, Redco Corporation, Riley Power Inc., Rockwell Automation, Inc., R.T. Vanderbilt Holding Company, Inc., Rust Engineering & Construction, Inc., Rust International, Inc., Saint-Gobain Abrasives, Inc., Schneider Electric USA, Inc., Sequoia Ventures, Inc., Siemens Industry, Inc., Southern Insulation, Inc., Spence Engineering Company, Inc., Spirax Sarco, Inc., SPX Cooling Technologies, LLC, Standard Insulation Company of N.C., Inc., Starr Davis Company, Inc., Starr Davis Company of S.C., Inc., Thermo Electric Company, Inc., Union Carbide Corporation, Vanderbilt Minerals, LLC, Viking Pump, Inc., Vistra Intermediate Company, LLC, Whittaker, Clark & Daniels, Inc., The William Powell Company, Wind Up, Ltd., York International Corporation, Zurn Industries, LLC, Defendants, AND Heather Donaghy v. 4520 Corp., Inc.

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ORDER

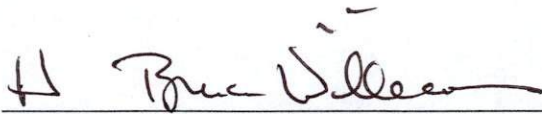
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This consolidated appeal arises out of a circuit court order dated February 23, 2024, denying the receiver's motion to terminate representation of Appellants' counsel of choice and directing Appellants' counsel to cooperate with the receiver. Appellants engaged the legal services of Clement Rivers, LLP. Appellants assert they were deprived of utilizing their choice of counsel, although the order on appeal denied the receiver's motion to terminate Appellants' representation by Clement Rivers. The denial of a motion to terminate representation is not

immediately appealable. *See EnerSys Delaware, Inc. v. Hopkins*, 401 S.C. 615, 619, 738 S.E.2d 478, 480 (2013) ("[A]n order denying a motion to disqualify an attorney is not immediately appealable."). Contrary to Appellants' assertions, the order on appeal is distinguishable from that in *Hagood v. Sommerville*, 362 S.C. 191, 607 S.E.2d, 707 (2005). In *Hagood*, the supreme court found "an order granting a motion to disqualify a party's preferred attorney *must* be immediately appealed or any later objection in a subsequent appeal [would] be waived." *Id.* at 198, 607 S.E.2d at 710. The action taken by the circuit court in this appeal is more akin to the order appealed in *Hopkins*, wherein the circuit court denied the motion to disqualify counsel. *See Hopkins*, 401 S.C. at 616, 619, 738 S.E.2d at 479, 480. Thus, this order is not immediately appealable.

Appellants also argue the order on appeal is immediately appealable pursuant to section 14-3-330(4) of the South Carolina Code (2017). Specifically, Appellants contend the circuit court's order impermissibly permits the receiver to continue his duties during the pendency of the appeal. This order is also not immediately appealable. *See Childers v. Davis Mech. Contractors, Inc.* (S.C. Sup. Ct. Order dated Mar. 27, 2024) (dismissing as not immediately appealable an order denying appellants' request to dissolve a receivership).

Based on the foregoing, this appeal is dismissed. The remittitur will be sent as provided by Rule 221(b) of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules.

  
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