

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
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JUSTIN M. MCGEE, )  
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Plaintiff, )  
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LINDSAY MCGEE, )  
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Defendant. )  
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IN THE COURT OF APPEALS  
NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
RE. CASE NO: 2022-DR-10-3072

AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF  
LIFTING THE STAY

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Elizabeth J. Stringer being sworn states:

1. That I am the court-appointed Guardian *ad Litem* in the above-referenced action.
2. That a Supplemental Order Appointing Guardian *ad Litem* was filed on July 28, 2023 which outlined on page 2, paragraph 1 that I “submit itemized periodic bills to the parties and their attorneys on a monthly basis....” I have done this since this time.
3. Per this same initial Order (paragraph 2), the parties to “remain current within THIRTY (30) days with the periodic bills to be submitted by the Guardian *ad Litem*.” Attached as an Exhibit is this Order filed July 28, 2023.
4. That an Order from The South Carolina Court of Appeals filed on September 14, 2023, issued a stay on all proceedings in this case pending review of Petitioner’s motion to suppress.
5. That a Consent Order to Increase Guardian *ad Litem* Fees was filed on November 13, 2023, increasing the allowed cap on fees by Twenty Thousand Dollars


(\$20,000.00) and ordering additional retainers of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) due by November 23, 2023.

6. That the apparent interpretation of the Order for the stay by the Defendant, Lindsay McGee, and her attorneys is that she has no obligation to remain current with her invoices as ordered despite the Guardian *ad Litem* continuing to work on the case over twenty-five (25) hours since the stay was issued, performing tasks including review of numerous documents, files and emails, attending a Status Hearing, visiting the children and regular communication with all parties involved.
7. While the Plaintiff Father, Justin McGee, has remained current as to his financial obligations, the Defendant Mother, Lindsay McGee, has failed to abide by the Orders as to her financial obligations. Ms. McGee currently owes over five-thousand (\$5,000.00) dollars in fees.
8. I ask the Court for assistance in lifting the stay as it is hindering my ability to fully investigate this matter and has resulted in instability for the parties' three (3) minor children. The Family Court needs to hear what is currently occurring with these children and issue orders accordingly. I visited with the children on June 30, 2024 and this litigation is clearly negatively impacting each of them in unique ways. For the Court's edification, the issues which need the Court's immediate involvement include (but are certainly not limited to): 1) Where the parties' youngest will attend school next year and how this is to be paid; 2) Therapies to assist the middle son who is suffering with behavioral issues which include Coprophagy, and the parties are not in agreement as to all of his necessary

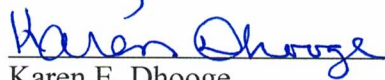
therapies; and, 3) the parties' eldest has historically been active and the parties are not in agreement as to his extra-curricular pursuits (which may seem like a lesser issue but does impact him socially and developmentally).

9. I ask the Court to lift the stay so that my Rule to Show Cause against the Defendant Mother, Lindsay McGee, can be held. I also ask (more importantly) for the stay to be lifted so that the Family Court can make decisions as to these minor children who appear to be suffering due to this matter being held in a stalemate.

I thank you for your attention to this matter,

  
Elizabeth J. Stringer, Esq.  
Guardian *ad Litem*

Sworn to me this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of  
July, 2024.

  
Karen E. Dhooge  
Notary Public for the state of S.C.  
My commission expires: 11/12/2030