

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

In The Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM OCONEE COUNTY

Court of Common Pleas

Hon. R. Lawton McIntosh, Circuit Court Judge

Appellate Case No. 2024-000739

Dorothy Pierce Appellant,

V.

Jerry Edwards, Edwards Group Holdings, Inc., Edwards Printing, Richard Hunt McDuff; MJM Law, LLC; Riley Morningstar; The Journal Newspaper; Hal Welch. Respondents.

AMENDED NOTICE OF APPEAL

Notice is hereby given that Dorothy Pierce, Appellant, amends her previously filed Notice of Appeal dated March 29, 2024, to include the final Order on Respondents Richard Hunt McDuff and MJM Law, LLC's Motion for Summary Judgment dated April 2, 2024.

The Appellant learned through the Respondents' filings in the Court of Appeals that a final order was drafted by the Respondents and filed with the court without sending the Appellant a draft order for review, in violation of Rule 5(b)(3) of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure, which mandates that any party providing a proposed order, findings of fact, conclusions of law,

or other papers to the court for consideration in any pending matter must serve the same on all counsel of record simultaneously and by the same means. The 10-page signed order was not served upon the Appellant until July 13, 2024. This order includes egregious falsehoods and misrepresentations.

On July 10, 2024, the Appellant contacted the Circuit Court for a copy of the purported order. The Appellant did not receive a copy of the final order until July 13, 2024, via mail from the Clerk of Court of the Circuit Court. **[A copy of the certified order dated July 10, 2024, is herein attached]**

The Appellant asserts that the Respondents prepared the draft order without serving it to her as required, and the final order was signed and filed without her knowledge, and never served upon her constituting a violation of procedural due process.

Under South Carolina law, the deadline to file a Notice of Appeal commences upon receipt of the final order. Consequently, the appellant maintains that the requisite service to start the appeals deadline clock has not occurred. Appellant hereby appeals the final Order on Respondents Richard Hunt McDuff and MJM Law, LLC's Motion for Summary Judgment dated April 2, 2024.

Respectfully Submitted this July 19, 2024



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COUNTY OF OCONEE

) TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

DOROTHY PIERCE,
Plaintiff,

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Case No.: 2022-CP-3700182

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v.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

JERRY EDWARDS; EDWARDS GROUP
HOLDINGS; EDWARDS PRINTING;
RICHARD HUNT MCDUFF; MJM LAW,
LLC; RILEY MORNINGSTAR; THE
JOURNAL NEWSPAPER; AND HAL
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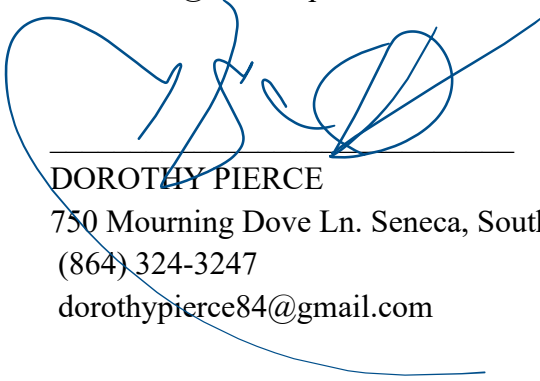
I Dorothy Pierce, do hereby certify that on this July 19, 2024, I have served Amended Notice of Appeal in the above captioned appeal upon opposing counsel by depositing such in the U.S. mail with proper postage affixed thereto, addressed to counsel's last known address.

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