

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
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 COUNTY OF HORRY)
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 Greg Lilly a/k/a Gregory Stuart Lilly, II)
 And Laura Lilly,)
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 Plaintiff,)
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 vs.)
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 Steven S. Walkup,)
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 Defendant.)
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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
 THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
 C/A NO.: 2020-CP-26-05135

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ORDER TO BE RELIEVED
AS COUNSEL

This matter is before me upon Defendant’s attorney, Davis Inabnit, Jr., Esq. Motion to be Relieved as Counsel. Attorney Davis Inabnit, Jr., Esq. seeks an Order of this Court, relieving him as counsel for Defendant, Steven S. Walkup, due to the deterioration of the attorney/client relationship and Counsel asserts that issues have arisen such that he can no longer represent this Defendant. Based upon the matters that were presented at a hearing on June 20, 2023, I find that for good cause shown, Defendant’s Counsel, Davis Inabnit, Jr., Esq. should be allowed to withdraw from representing the Defendant, Steven S. Walkup.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Davis Inabnit, Jr., Esq. is relieved as counsel of record for the Defendant, Steven S. Walkup.
2. The Court takes this opportunity to warn Defendant that this Court requires pro se parties to fully comply with all applicable rules. Representation by an attorney trained in the law would be highly beneficial, and the Court strongly encourages Defendant to obtain new attorney representation.
3. Defendant may obtain new counsel within Forty-Five (45) days of service of this order. The new counsel will send the Horry County Clerk of Court, the Horry County Master-In-Equity and opposing counsel counsel’s contact information immediately.
4. If Defendant does not obtain new counsel within Forty-Five (45) days of service of this order, he will have to proceed in this matter pro se, (without an attorney). The Court informs Defendant, if he elects to represent himself and proceed without legal counsel, he will be held to the same standards as an attorney and will be required to follow the same rules as attorneys. A party has a duty to monitor the progress of his case and will not be held to any lesser standard than

is applied to an attorney. Goodson v. American Bankers Insurance Company of Florida, 295 S.C. 400, 368 S.E.2d 687 (Ct. App. 1988); Hill v. Dotts, 345 S.C. 304, 547 S.E.2d 894 (Ct. App. 2001). If electing to proceed without an attorney, Defendant will further be required to follow Rule 3.5 of the South Carolina Rules of Professional Conduct, listed in Rule 407 of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules. This rule specifically requires all parties to refrain from any ex parte communications, which are communications outside the presence or knowledge of opposing counsel. Defendant will be required to serve all motions, pleadings or other communications on each party to the case, all attorneys involved, and the Court.

5. All parties are to keep the Clerk of Court and the Master-In-Equity Court informed of any changes in contact information while this action is pending.

6. A copy of this order and all future pleadings and notices shall be served upon Defendant by sending a copy pursuant to SCRCP (first class mail) to the following:

Steven S. Walkup (Mr. Walkup represented to the court that he does not have a physical address. Below is the only contact information provided).

Email: sswalkup25@gmail.com

Phone: (304) 667-8955

7. The Court notes that the South Carolina Judicial Department Website has several links to educate parties who do not have an attorney (SRL-Self Represented Litigants).

8. To review these links, you may choose to go to South Carolina Judicial Website. There, Click Self-Help Resources under GENERAL PUBLIC TAB. NEXT REVIEW: (1) Welcome to SC Courts –A list of things Court Staff can and cannot do (2) UNDER FAQ SECTION REVIEW (a) General Questions (b) Circuit Court and (c) Master-in- Equity Court FAQs. FINALLY, WATCH YOUR DAY IN CIRCUIT COURT SELF HELP VIDEO. Remember, you are bound by the same rules that attorneys are.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED this ____ day of _____, 2023.

The Honorable Alan D. Clemmons
Master In Equity for Horry County
Conway, South Carolina



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So Ordered

s/Alan D. Clemmons 3088 Master in Equity