

The Supreme Court of South Carolina

William M. Luce, on behalf of himself and all
similarly situated natural persons, Plaintiff,

v.

Lexington County Health Services District, Inc.,
Brian D. Smith, in both his official and individual
capacities; and Lynn Coggins, in both her official
and individual capacities, Defendants.

Appellate Case No. 2024-001240

ORDER

Pursuant to Rule 244, SCACR, the Court will answer the following question certified to this Court by order of the Honorable Mary Geiger Lewis, United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina, Columbia Division:

Are the Wages in Controversy, as defined in the Joint Stipulation of Facts, Luce and other Putative Class Members earned during employment with LCHSD "earnable compensation" subject to employer deductions under S.C. Code Ann. § 9-1-1020?

The parties shall proceed to serve and file briefs as provided by Rule 244(e), SCACR. Rule 244 does not provide for the filing of initial briefs; therefore, only final briefs should be filed in this matter.


FOR THE COURT C.J.

Columbia, South Carolina
September 11, 2024

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The Honorable Mary Geiger Lewis