

The Supreme Court of South Carolina

Lavona Hill, Appellee,

v.

Bert Bell/Pete Rozelle NFL Player Retirement Plan;
Retirement Board of the Bert Bell NFL Player
Retirement Plan, Defendant,

v.

Barbara H. Sullivan, Appellant.

Appellate Case No. 2012-212193

ORDER

Pursuant to Rule 244 of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules (SCACR), the Court will answer the following question certified to this Court by order of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit:

Does South Carolina recognize the "putative spouse" or "putative marriage" doctrine?

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


C.J.
FOR THE COURT

Columbia, South Carolina

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