

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF Aiken  
IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

JUDGMENT IN A CIVIL CASE

Jan 27 2025

CASE NO. 2022- CP-02-02323

SC Court of Appeals

Heather Crespo

Rhett Riviere; Josee Riviere; Chase Enterprises, LLC of South Carolina; and R.C. Riviere Properties, LLC

PLAINTIFF(S)

DEFENDANT(S)

Submitted by:	Attorney for : <input type="checkbox"/> Plaintiff <input type="checkbox"/> Defendant
	or
	<input type="checkbox"/> Self-Represented Litigant

DISPOSITION TYPE (CHECK ONE)

- JURY VERDICT.** This action came before the court for a trial by jury. The issues have been tried and a verdict rendered.
- DECISION BY THE COURT.** This action came to trial or hearing before the court. The issues have been tried or heard and a decision rendered.  See Page 2 for additional information.
- ACTION DISMISSED (CHECK REASON):**  Rule 12(b), SCRPC;  Rule 41(a), SCRPC (Vol. Nonsuit);  Rule 43(k), SCRPC (Settled);  Other
- ACTION STRICKEN (CHECK REASON):**  Rule 40(j), SCRPC;  Bankruptcy;  Binding arbitration, subject to right to restore to confirm, vacate or modify arbitration award;  Other
- STAYED DUE TO BANKRUPTCY**
- DISPOSITION OF APPEAL TO THE CIRCUIT COURT (CHECK APPLICABLE BOX):**  
 Affirmed;  Reversed;  Remanded;  Other

NOTE: ATTORNEYS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR NOTIFYING LOWER COURT, TRIEBL, OR ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY OF THE CIRCUIT COURT RULING IN THIS APPEAL.

IT IS ORDERED AND ADJUDGED:  See attached order (formal order to follow)  Statement of Judgment by the Court: This matter came before the Court by way of jury trial beginning on September 16, 2024. A copy of the verdict form is attached.

ORDER INFORMATION

This order  ends  does not end the case.

Additional Information for the Clerk :

*Court finds deceptive trade and/or practice to be willful and knowing pursuant to UFTPA and grants treble damages, attorney's fees and costs*

INFORMATION FOR THE JUDGMENT INDEX

Complete this section below when the judgment affects title to real or personal property or if any amount should be enrolled. If there is no judgment information, indicate "N/A" in one of the boxes below.

Judgment in Favor of (List name(s) below)	Judgment Against (List name(s) below)	Judgment Amount To be Enrolled (List amount(s) below)
Heather Crespo	Rhett Riviere	\$ 11,000,000.00 + treble UFTPA <i>partia</i>
Heather Crespo	Josee Riviere	\$ 500,000.00 + treble UFTPA <i>partia</i>
Heather Crespo	Chase Enterprises, LLC and R.C. Riviere Properties, LLC	\$ 1,000,000.00 + treble UFTPA <i>partia</i>

If applicable, describe the property, including tax map information and address, referenced in the order:

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*Robert J. White*  
C.C.P. & G.S.

*Charla Peoubie*  
Deputy Clerk

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
 COUNTY OF Aiken  
 Robert J. White, Clerk of Court of Common Pleas  
 Aiken County, South Carolina do hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of the original documents which have been filed in my office this  
 SEP 25 2024  
 Charla Peoubie  
 C.C.P. & G.S. Aiken County, S.C.  
 Deputy Clerk

The judgment information above has been provided by the submitting party. Disputes concerning the amounts contained in this form may be addressed by way of motion pursuant to the SC Rules of Civil Procedure. Amounts to be computed such as interest or additional taxable costs not available at the time the form and final order are submitted to the judge may be provided to the clerk. Note: Title abstractors and researchers should refer to the official court order for judgment details. E-Filing Note: In E-Filing counties, the Court will electronically sign this form using a separate electronic signature page.

Matthew Rivers  
Circuit Court Judge

2788  
Judge Code

9-25-2024  
Date

**For Clerk of Court Office Use Only**

This judgment was entered on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ and a copy mailed first class or placed in the appropriate attorney's box on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ to attorneys of record or to parties (when appearing pro se) as follows:

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ATTORNEY(S) FOR THE PLAINTIFF(S)

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ATTORNEY(S) FOR THE DEFENDANT(S)

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CLERK OF COURT

**Court Reporter:**

E-Filing Note: In E-Filing counties, the date of Entry of Judgment is the same date as reflected on the Electronic File Stamp and the clerk's entering of the date of judgment above is not required in those counties. The clerk will mail a copy of the judgment to parties who are not E-Filers or who are appearing pro se. See Rule 77(d), SCRPC.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING DECISION BY THE COURT AS REFERENCED ON PAGE 1.**

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF AIKEN

Heather Crespo,

Plaintiff,

v.

Rhett Riviere, Josee Riviere, Chase  
Enterprises, LLC of South Carolina  
and R.C. Riviere Properties, LLC,

Defendants.

Civil Action No.: 2022-CP-02-2323

**VERDICT FORM**

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS REGARDING THE CAUSES OF ACTION ASSERTED BY HEATHER CRESPO. ONCE THE JURY REACHES A UNANIMOUS VERDICT ON THE CLAIM, THE FOREPERSON SHALL PLACE HER INITIALS NEXT TO THAT FINDING. YOU MAY FIND FOR THE PLAINTIFF, ONE DEFENDANT, OR MULTIPLE DEFENDANTS.

1. Negligence Claim

We the jury unanimously find for:

ACW Heather Crespo, Plaintiff

Against ACW Rhett Riviere

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Against \_\_\_\_\_ Josee Riviere  
Against ARW Chase Enterprises, LLC  
Against ARW R.C. Riviere Properties, LLC

We the jury unanimously find for:

\_\_\_\_\_ Rhett Riviere, Defendant

We the jury unanimously find for:

ARW Josee Riviere, Defendant

We the jury unanimously find for:

\_\_\_\_\_ Chase Enterprises, LLC of South Carolina, Defendant

We the jury unanimously find for:

\_\_\_\_\_ R.C. Riviere Properties, LLC, Defendant

If you found negligence as to any defendant, please indicate the amount of damages proximately caused by such negligence as follows:

As to Rhett Riviere	\$ <u>500,000</u>
As to Josee Riviere	\$ <u>Ø</u>
As to Chase Enterprises LLC	\$ <u>500,000</u>
As to R.C. Riviere Properties, LLC	\$ <u>500,000</u>

2. Unfair Trade Practices Act Claim

We the jury unanimously find for:

ARW Heather Crespo, Plaintiff

Against ARW Rhett Riviere

Against ARW Josee Riviere

Against AWL Chase Enterprises, LLC  
Against AWL R.C. Riviere Properties, LLC

We the jury unanimously find for:

\_\_\_\_\_ Rhett Riviere, Defendant

We the jury unanimously find for:

\_\_\_\_\_ Josee Riviere, Defendant

We the jury unanimously find for:

\_\_\_\_\_ Chase Enterprises, LLC of South Carolina, Defendant

We the jury unanimously find for:

\_\_\_\_\_ R.C. Riviere Properties, LLC, Defendant

If you found against a defendant pursuant to the Unfair Trade Practices Act, please indicate the amount of damages pursuant to the Unfair Trade Practices Act:

As to Rhett Riviere	\$ <u>500,000</u>
As to Josee Riviere	\$ <u>500,000</u>
As to Chase Enterprises LLC	\$ <u>500,000</u>
As to R.C. Riviere Properties, LLC	\$ <u>500,000</u>

3. Negligence Per Se Claim

We the jury unanimously find for:

AWL Heather Crespo, Plaintiff

Against AWL Rhett Riviere

Against \_\_\_\_\_ Josee Riviere

We the jury unanimously find for:

\_\_\_\_\_ Rhett Riviere, Defendant

We the jury unanimously find for:

AW Josee Riviere, Defendant

If you found negligence per se as to any defendant, please indicate the amount of damages proximately caused by such negligence per se as follows:

As to Rhett Riviere

\$ 1,500,000

As to Josee Riviere

\$ Ø

4. Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress Claim

We the jury unanimously find for:

AW Heather Crespo

Against AW Rhett Riviere

We the jury unanimously find for:

\_\_\_\_\_ Rhett Riviere, Defendant

If you found against a defendant pursuant to Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress, please indicate the amount of damages:

As to Rhett Riviere

\$ 3,000,000

5. Invasion of Privacy Claim

We the jury unanimously find for:

AWL Heather Crespo

Against AWL Rhett Riviere

We the jury unanimously find for:

                     Rhett Riviere, Defendant

If you found against a defendant pursuant to Invasion of Privacy Claim, please indicate the amount of damages:

As to Rhett Riviere                      \$ 5,000,000

6. Constructive Fraud/Misrepresentation.

We the jury unanimously find for:

AWL Heather Crespo

Against AWL Rhett Riviere

Against                      Josee Riviere

We the jury unanimously find for:

                     Rhett Riviere, Defendant

We the jury unanimously find for:

AWL Josee Riviere, Defendant

If you found against a defendant pursuant to Constructive Fraud/Misrepresentation, please indicate the amount of damages:

As to Rhett Riviere                      \$ 500,000

As to Josee Riviere                      \$ Ø

If you found damages for any defendant as to any cause of action, please indicate the TOTAL amount of damages for every cause of action as to each defendant:

\$1,000,000 As to Rhett Riviere

\$ 500,000 As to Josee Riviere

\$1,000,000 As to Chase Enterprises LLC

\$ 1,000,000 As to R.C Riviere Properties, LLC

Date: 9/24, 2024

April C. Windsor  
Foreperson