

**RECEIVED**  
**Feb 04 2025**  
**SC Court of Appeals**

**EXHIBIT 1**

ELECTRONICALLY FILED - 2024 Oct 21 4:34 PM - CHARLESTON - COMMON PLEAS - CASE#2024CP1001509

ELECTRONICALLY FILED - 2024 Oct 31 8:50 PM - CHARLESTON - COMMON PLEAS - CASE#2024CP1001509

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

Appeal from Charleston County  
Probate Court

David L. Michel, Associate Judge of Probate

Probate Case No. 2019-ES-10-00394  
Appellate Case No.: 2024-CP-10-01509

In re: Veronique W. Pickett Estate

Bayard Scott Pickett, Jr.,..... Appellant,

v.

Laura V. Jones, as Trustee of the Laura V. Jones Trust as Established by the Will of  
Veronique H.W. Pickett Dated March 31, 1999 and as Trustee of the Kathleen E.  
Anderson Trust as Established under the Will of Veronique H.W. Pickett Dated March  
31,1999..... Respondents.

**ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL**

**THIS MATTER** comes before the Court upon a Motion to Dismiss Appeal filed with this Court on April 2, 2024, by Respondent Laura V. Jones, in her capacity as the Trustee of the Laura V. Jones Trust as established by the Will of Veronique W. Pickett dated March 31, 1999.

Present at the hearing were Elizabeth J. Palmer, Esquire, attorney for Respondent Laura V. Jones, Appellant Bayard Scott Pickett, Jr., and his attorney, Paul B. Ferrara, III, Esquire, and Eric B. Laquiere, Esquire, attorney for Katherine E. Anderson.

**FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 1) This is an appeal from Charleston County Probate Court. The Decedent, Veronique

W. Pickett, died on December 18, 2018. Appellant Pickett was initially appointed as Personal Representative of the Estate. However, the Probate Court discharged Appellant and administratively closed the Estate on January 19, 2022.

2) On February 8, 2024, the Probate Court entered an Order for Appointment of a Temporary Special Administrator. This Order specified that the Temporary Special Administrator was to open an Estate account and collect and hold all Estate assets. It also ordered Appellant Pickett to provide certain financial information and Estate assets to the Temporary Special Administrator. Appellant Pickett appealed this Order (C/A No. 2024-CP-10-00921).

3) Following Appellant's appeal of the Order for Appointment of a Temporary Special Administrator, Respondent Jones filed a Motion to Lift Any Applicable Stay in the Probate Court, asking the Probate Court to lift any stay that may have resulted from Appellant's appeal.

4) On March 12, 2024, the Probate Court entered its Order Lifting Any Applicable Stay. Appellant Pickett appealed this Order by Notice of Intent to Appeal filed on March 20, 2024. It is this appeal that is presently before this Court.

5) An order lifting a stay is not immediately appealable. See Carolina Water Serv., Inc. v. Lexington Cnty. Joint Mun. Water & Sewer Comm'n, 373 S.C. 96, 98, 644 S.E.2d 681, 682 (2007); Edwards v. SunCom, 369 S.C. 91, 631 S.E.2d 529 (2006) (holding order lifting stay not immediately appealable and dismissing appeal of same).

6) Appellant Pickett argues that the Order Lifting Any Applicable Stay contains findings and directives that go beyond those imposed by the Order for Appointment of a Temporary Special Administrator, and thus the Order Lifting Any Applicable Stay should not be viewed as simply an order lifting a stay.

7) This Court has reviewed the Order Lifting Any Applicable Stay and concludes that



its directives do no more than reiterate those directives contained within the Order for Appointment of a Temporary Special Administrator. As such, the Order Lifting Any Applicable Stay is subject to the well-established precedent that orders lifting stays are not immediately appealable.

8) Therefore, the Order Lifting Any Applicable Stay is not immediately appealable and Respondent Jones' Motion to Dismiss Appeal is GRANTED.

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED** that Respondent Jones' Motion to Dismiss Appeal is GRANTED; and

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that this appeal is dismissed and the matter is remanded to the Charleston County Probate Court for further proceedings.

**AND IT IS SO ORDERED!**

---

Judge Dale E. Van Slambrook

October 21, 2024  
Charleston, SC



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

JUDGMENT IN A CIVIL CASE

CASE NO. 2024 CP-10-01509

BAYNARD SCOTT PICKETT, JR.

LAURA V. JONES, as Trustee of the Laura V. Jones Trust as Established by the Will of Veronique H.W. Pickett Dated March 31, 1999 and as Trustee of the Kathleen E. Anderson Trust as Established under the Will of Veronique H.W. Pickett Dated March 31, 1999.

APPELLANT(S)

RESPONDENT(S)

Submitted by: The Court.	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, TRIBUNAL, 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:

See attached formal Order.

**ORDER INFORMATION**

This order  ends  does not end the case.

Additional Information for the Clerk : \_\_\_\_\_

**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)











Charleston Common Pleas

**Case Caption:** Bayard Scott Pickett Jr , plaintiff, et al VS Laura V Jones , defendant, et al  
**Case Number:** 2024CP1001509  
**Type:** Order/Dismissal

And It Is So Ordered!

s/Dale E. Van Slambrook S.C. Circuit Court Judge  
#2781