

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
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 COUNTY OF CHARLESTON )  
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 Michele Graham, )  
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 Plaintiff, )  
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 v. )  
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 Cooper River Love and Charity )  
 Society (1920) )  
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 Coper River Love and Charity )  
 Society (2015) )  
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 Defendants. )  
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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

C.A. No.: 2023-CP-10-02883

**ORDER TO INTERVENE**



This matter is before the Court pursuant to the Attorney General’s Motion to Intervene pursuant to Rule 24, SCRCPP, and pursuant to his statutory and common law authority to enforce the due application of those funds given or appropriated to a charitable trust or to a specific charity. The Attorney General has the statutory and common law authority to supervise charitable entities so that he may fulfill his duty to protect unascertained charitable beneficiaries’ interests and the public interest at large.

As stated in the Petition, this action was filed (1) to affirm the right of the Plaintiff to form a successor organization to the Cooper River Love and Charity Society (1920); (2) to declare the Cooper River Love and Charity Society Successor as the rightful successor to the Cooper River Love and Charity Society (1920); and (3) to declare any claims or interests of the Cooper River Love and Charity Society (2015) to the Cooper River Love and Charity Society (1920) as invalid.

I find this action involves a charitable interest. I further find that pursuant to the Attorney General's *parens patriae*, statutory (*see* S.C. Code Ann. § 1-7-130 and § 62-7-405), common law, and case law authority (*see Epworth Children's Home v. W. F. Beasley, et al.*, 365 S.C. 157, 616 S.E.2d 710 (2005); *Furman Univ. v. McLeod*, 238 S.C. 475, 482, 120 S.E.2d 865, 868 (1961); and *W. C. Watson v. W. F. Wall, et al.*, 229 S.C. 500, 93 S.E.2d 918 (1956)), the Motion to Intervene should be granted.

Accordingly, for the reasons set forth herein, the Court grants the Attorney General's Motion to Intervene.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

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Mikell R. Scarborough  
Master-In-Equity

July \_\_, 2024



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