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APPEAL FROM SUMTER COUNTY

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

Kristi F. Curtis, Circuit Court Judge

CA No. 2023-000630

Jamar Stark and Tyla McNeill,

Appellants

vs.

Southern Touch Properties,

Respondents

APPELLANTS RETURN TO RESPONDENTS MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF
TIME TO FILE FINAL BRIEF

Dear Honorable Judge,

I respectfully submit this letter in opposition to the respondent's request for an additional 30 days to submit their final brief. This request is unwarranted and undermines the procedural integrity of the court's timeline. The respondent previously dismissed their counsel, which raises concerns regarding their commitment to complying with the court's deadlines and processes. It is essential that all parties adhere to the court's schedule to ensure a fair and efficient judicial process.

The respondent's failure to meet prior deadlines demonstrates a lack of diligence, and their request for an extension will provide the respondents with an unfair advantage, as they have chosen to delay their submission beyond the original deadline without just cause. The respondents had ample time to seek council, prepare, and file their brief in accordance with the established schedule. Their decision to seek additional

time now, after the deadline has far surpassed, undermines the principles of fairness and justice our legal system upholds.

Granting this extension would unfairly prejudice the opposing party, who has diligently complied with all court orders and time frames. Moreover, permitting additional delays would set a concerning precedent that disregards the importance of procedural deadlines. The respondent's decisions should not serve as a basis to prolong this matter unnecessarily.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that the court deny the respondent's request for an extension and uphold the original briefing schedule.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Tyla McNeill

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PROOF OF SERVICE

I certified that I have served the Respondent's acting attorney with the Appellants response to the Respondents Motion for Extension of Time to File Final Brief in the above referenced case on February 25, 2025 by certified mail to the following address:

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