

The South Carolina Court of Appeals

In the Matter of the Estate of Paul Brandon Barringer, II

Hampton Barringer Luzak, Appellant,

v.

Merrill B. Light, Merrill U. Barringer, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Paul Brandon Barringer, II, J. Randolph Light, Jr., Merrill B. Light as putative trustee of the Paul B. Barringer, II, Revocable Trust dated December 4, 1998, and Merrill B. Light as Trustee of the Merrill Barringer Light Revocable Trust, Defendants,

of which Merrill U. Barringer, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Paul Brandon Barringer, II, is a Respondent,

AND

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v.

Merrill U. Barringer, Respondent.

Appellate Case No. 2025-000076

ORDER

On February 27, 2025, Respondent moved to expedite this appeal. Respondent explains that the circuit court granted summary judgment in Respondent's favor in

2021, Appellant appealed the 2021 order, and the appeal was fully briefed; however, the 2021 order was later vacated when our supreme court held that at the time the 2021 order was entered, another, separate order that was on appeal deprived the circuit court of jurisdiction. Respondent contends that when she was permitted to re-file her motion for summary judgment, no new facts or evidence were presented, and the circuit court issued an order in December 2024 "incorporating by reference as if stated verbatim" the 2021 order. Respondent therefore contends, among other things, that normal briefing times are not necessary. Appellant filed a return, opposing the motion, arguing, among other things, that an appellant determines the issues on appeal and that the December 2024 order also addressed additional issues. Respondent filed a reply. After careful consideration, we grant Respondent's motion to expedite to the extent that there shall be a presumption against granting extensions in this case.



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