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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
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APPEAL FROM OCONEE COUNTY  
Court of Common Pleas  
The Honorable R. Lawton McIntosh

Case No. 2022-CP-37-00447

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Frances J. Ratliff, Edward J. Ratliff, Jr., James L. Ratliff, Lucretia B. Morgan, Sherri Akers  
Crisp, Amy Cawthon,

Appellants,

v.

Oconee County, Globe, A South Carolina Limited Partnership, Farmes, A South Carolina  
Limited Partnership,

Respondents.

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NOTICE OF APPEAL

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Frances J. Ratliff, Edward J. Ratliff, Jr., James L. Ratliff, Lucretia B. Morgan, Sherri Akers Crisp, and Amy Cawthon (“Appellants”) appeal the Honorable R. Lawton McIntosh’s Order and Judgment, entered August 6, 2024, attached as **Exhibit 1**. Appellants received notice of entry of the order on August 6, 2024, and filed a Motion to Alter or Amend the Order and Judgment on August 15, 2024. Appellants’ Motion to Alter or Amend the Order and Judgment was denied by order dated August 19, 2024, attached as **Exhibit 2**. Appellants also appeal the Order denying Appellants’ Motion for a jury trial entered January 18, 2024, attached as **Exhibit 3**; the Order denying Appellants’ Motion to Amend their Complaint entered June 5, 2024, attached as **Exhibit**

4; and the Order denying Appellants' Motion to disqualify counsel for Respondents, entered June 10, 2024, attached as **Exhibit 5**.

Appellants filed an initial Notice of Appeal in this matter on September 17, 2024. Respondents moved for dismissal based on a pending motion for attorney fees and costs. On November 8, 2024, this Court granted the motion to dismiss without prejudice. The trial court ruled on Respondents' motion for attorney fees and costs on April 17, 2025. This appeal follows.

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PROOF OF SERVICE

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I certify that the Notice of Appeal has been served on James W. Logan, Jr., counsel for Respondent Oconee County, by email sent to his primary e-mail address listed in the Attorney Information System, [logan@loganandjolly.com](mailto:logan@loganandjolly.com) and on Larry C. Brandt and Andrew K. Holliday, counsel for Respondents, Globe, a South Carolina Limited Partnership, and Farmes, a South Carolina Limited Partnership, by email sent to their primary e-mail addresses listed in the Attorney Information System, [larry@larrybrandtlaw.com](mailto:larry@larrybrandtlaw.com) and [andrew@drwmlaw.com](mailto:andrew@drwmlaw.com), on May 16, 2025.

The undersigned also certifies that I have filed the Notice of Appeal with the Clerk of Court for Oconee County Court of Common Pleas via electronic filing.

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