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SC Court of Appeals

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

JAZZIME STEVENS,
Appellant,

v.

AMAZING GRACE INVESTMENTS,
Respondent.

Appeal from the Aiken County Court of Common Pleas
Case No.: 2024-CP-02-01033

APPELLANT'S EMERGENCY MOTION FOR STAY PENDING APPEAL

COMES NOW, Appellant Jazzimine Stevens ("Appellant"), proceeding pro se, and respectfully moves this Court pursuant to Rule 241 of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules (SCACR) for an emergency order staying execution of the writ of ejectment issued in this matter, pending resolution of the underlying appeal. In support of this Motion, Appellant states the following:

1. On May 4, 2025, the Honorable Walton J. McLeod, IV, of the Aiken County Court of Common Pleas entered a Final Order affirming the Midland Valley Summary Court's issuance of a writ of ejectment against Appellant. The order was filed on May 5, 2025.
2. Appellant filed a timely notice of appeal, and on February 24, 2025, this Court reinstated the appeal, directing Appellant to submit status updates every 30 days.
3. Appellant presents substantial issues for appellate review, including but not limited to:
 - a. Whether the Circuit Court erred in affirming the writ of ejectment based on contested rent amounts;
 - b. Whether the Circuit Court misapplied the doctrine of judicial estoppel; and
 - c. Whether the Circuit Court failed to consider evidence presented by Appellant regarding payments made and accounting discrepancies.
4. Appellant will suffer immediate and irreparable harm if the stay is not granted. She faces imminent eviction from her primary residence, which would likely result in homelessness and loss of employment. Appellant is a working mother of a two-year-old child with severe medical conditions requiring ongoing care and stability.
5. The equities strongly favor maintaining the status quo. A stay will avoid displacement of a vulnerable family while allowing the appellate process to unfold. Meanwhile, Respondent's interests can be protected by the imposition of reasonable conditions or bond, if deemed appropriate by the Court.

6. Granting a stay serves the public interest by preserving housing stability for a family facing extraordinary circumstances, pending resolution of legal questions with potential broader implications under South Carolina landlord-tenant law.

WHEREFORE, Appellant respectfully requests that this Court issue an emergency stay of the writ of ejectment and such further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,
Jazzimine Stevens
Pro Se Appellant

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Jazzimine Stevens, the undersigned Appellant, do hereby certify that I have served a true and correct copy of the following document:

- Emergency Motion for Stay Pending Appeal

upon the following counsel of record for the Respondent:

Christopher D. Graves, Esq.

by the following method (check one):

- U.S. Mail, first-class postage prepaid
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on this the 22 day of May, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

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