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Jenny Abbott Kitchings, Clerk of Court  
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P.O. Box 11629  
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Re: Steve Rickenbaker v. Oakbrook Healthcare, LLC d/b/a Oakbrook Health and  
Rehabilitation Center  
Appellate Case No.: 2025-001032  
Case No.: 2021-CP-18-01410  
YCR File: 14347-20210491

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Enclosed please find our firm's check representing the filing fee for Appellant's Notice of Appeal, which was electronically filed on May 23, 2025, in the above-referenced matter.

With best wishes and kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

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Appeal from Dorchester County  
Court of Common Pleas

Maité Murphy, Circuit Court Judge

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Case No. 2023-CP-18-02145  
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Steve Rickenbaker,

Respondent,

v.

Oakbrook Healthcare, LLC  
d/b/a Oakbrook Health and Rehabilitation Center,

Appellant.

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**NOTICE OF APPEAL**  
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Defendant/Appellant, Oakbrook Healthcare, LLC d/b/a Oakbrook Health and Rehabilitation Center (“Appellant”), hereby appeals the following order of the Honorable Maité Murphy, Circuit Court Judge:

- **Order filed April 3, 2025, denying Appellant’s Motion to Compel Arbitration.**

A copy of the appealed order is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. Although Appellant received written notice of entry of the appealed order on April 3, 2025, this appeal is timely under Rule 203(b)(1), SCACR, because, on Monday, April 14, 2025, Appellant made a timely motion under Rule 59(e), SCRCR, thus staying the time for appeal until Appellant’s receipt of written notice of entry of an order granting or denying the motion. Although, via an email from her judicial law clerk earlier today (see attached), Judge Murphy has announced her decision to deny the motion, as of the time of this notice of an appeal, a written order to this effect has not yet been entered. Once such an order is entered, Appellant will amend this notice of appeal to include the order—although, out of an abundance of caution, to the extent that Judge Murphy’s email ruling is appealable, Appellant hereby includes its appeal of the same in this notice of appeal.

Respectfully submitted,

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I, Russell G. Hines, of Clement Rivers, LLP, attorneys for Appellant, hereby certify that, on May 23, 2025, Appellant's **NOTICE OF APPEAL** was served on Respondent by emailing (see attached email) a copy of the same to his counsel of record:

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I also certify that a copy of Appellant's **NOTICE OF APPEAL** was today, May 23, 2025, E-Filed with the lower court (see attached NEF), which also, i.e., in addition to service by email, effected service of the notice today on all counsel of record via the E-Filing System.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Attached for service in the above-referenced matter please find our **Notice of Appeal** and the **attachments thereto**.

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