



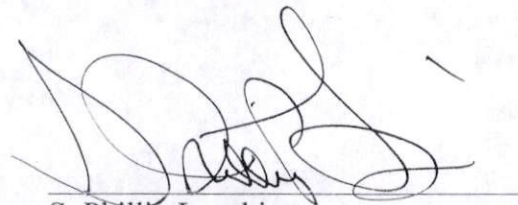
which an inmate has received punishment in a major disciplinary hearing as a result of a serious rule violation.<sup>1</sup> *Id.*

When reviewing the Department's decisions in inmate grievance matters, the court sits in an appellate capacity. *Al-Shabazz*, at 756. Consequently, the review in these inmate grievance cases is limited to the Record presented. Pursuant to *Slezak v. S.C. Department of Corrections*, 361 S.C. 327, 605 S.E.2d 506 (2004), the court is to have jurisdiction of all properly perfected inmate appeals but “[s]ummary dismissal may be appropriate where the inmate’s grievance does not implicate a state created liberty or property interest.” Further, the South Carolina Court of Appeals has opined that where a state-created liberty interest is not implicated in a prisoner appeal, this court should dismiss the appeal. *Skipper v. S.C. Dep’t of Corr.*, 370 S.C. 267, 633 S.E. 2d 910 (Ct. App. 2006).

In this case, Department medical staff determined that the Appellant does not qualify for prosthetic shoes from the Department. The Appellant is not appealing the loss of a state created liberty or property interest and as such, this is a case in which the court must adhere to the traditional “hands off” doctrine regarding judicial involvement in internal prison matters. *See Pruitt v. State*, 274 S.C. 565, 266 S.E.2d 779 (1980); *Al-Shabazz v. State*, 338 S.C. 354, 527 S.E.2d 742 (2000) (emphasis supplied). Therefore, based on the foregoing,

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the Department’s Motion to Dismiss is **GRANTED** and this appeal is hereby **DISMISSED**.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**



S. Phillip Lenski  
Administrative Law Judge

May 13, 2025  
Columbia, South Carolina

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

This is to certify that the undersigned has this date served this order in the above entitled action upon all parties to this cause by depositing a copy hereof, in the United States Mail, postage paid, or in the interagency Mail Service addressed to the party(ies) or their attorney(s).

This 14 day of May, 2025  
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Judicial Law Clerk

<sup>1</sup> The court does have limited jurisdiction in some property matters, the authority for which need not be cited here.