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**THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS**

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**APPEAL FROM OCONEE COUNTY  
COURT OF COMMON PLEAS**

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**R. Lawton McIntosh, Circuit Judge**

**Appellate Case No. 2024-00739  
Common Pleas Case No. 2022-CP-3700182**

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**Dorothy Pierce,**

**Appellant,**

**v.**

**Jerry Edwards; Edwards Group  
Holdings, Inc.; Edwards Printing;  
Richard Hunt McDuff; MJM Law LLC;  
Riley Morningstar; The Journal  
Newspaper; and Hal Welch,**

**Respondents.**

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**RESPONDENTS' DESIGNATION OF MATTER**

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Respondents Jerry Edwards, Edwards Group Holdings, Inc., Edwards Printing, Riley Morningstar, The Journal Newspaper, and Hal Welch (together, the "Journal Respondents") adopt by reference the Designation of Matter submitted on March 7, 2025, by Respondents Richard Hunt McDuff and MJM Law LLC.

Respectfully submitted this 27th day of May 2025.

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**RULE 209(C) CERTIFICATION**

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Pursuant to South Carolina Rule of Appellate Practice 209(c), I certify that the Designation of Matter of Respondents Jerry Edwards, Edwards Group Holdings, Inc., Edwards Printing, Riley Morningstar, The Journal Newspaper, and Hal Welch contains no matter which is irrelevant to this appeal.

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