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APPEAL FROM SPARTANBURG COUNTY
Court of Common Pleas

J. Mark Hayes, II, Circuit Court Judge

Case No. 2017-CP-42-00219
Appellate Case No. 2024-001546

Jo Ann Blackwell, Michelene Brooks, and Samuel H. Owens, Jr., individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated,

Respondents,

v.

Mary Black Health System, LLC, d/b/a Mary Black Memorial Hospital; CHSPSC, LLC;
Professional Account Services, Inc.,

Appellants,

APPELLANTS' STATUS REPORT

Appellants Mary Black Health System, LLC, d/b/a Mary Black Memorial Hospital; CHSPSC, LLC; and Professional Account Services, Inc. (collectively, "Appellants") submit this status update in compliance with the Court's Order (filed January 14, 2025) granting Appellants' motion to hold this appeal in abeyance until a final decision is issued in the related appeal, Appellate Case No. 2020-001613 (the "First Appeal").

On January 27, 2025, the Court denied Appellants' Petition for Rehearing in the First Appeal. On February 26, 2025, Appellants timely filed a Petition for a Writ of Certiorari with the South Carolina Supreme Court. *See Harleysville Mut. Ins. Co. v. State*, 401 S.C. 15, 23, 736 S.E.2d 651, 655 (2012) ("The timely filing of a petition for rehearing stays the sending of the remittitur, thereby depriving the decision of finality.").

On April 7, 2025, Respondents Jo Ann Blackwell, Michelene Brooks, and Samuel H. Owens, Jr. filed a Return to the Petition for a Writ of Certiorari. Thereafter, Appellants filed a Reply to the Respondent's Return to the Petition for a Writ of Certiorari on April 28, 2025.

On June 25, 2025, the Supreme Court issued an order granting Appellants' Petition for Writ of Certiorari. The parties have begun the briefing process, and Appellants' Petitioners' Brief is due to be filed with the Supreme Court on Friday, July 25, 2025.

As the First Appeal remains ongoing, Appellants will provide the Court with another status update within the next sixty (60) days in compliance with the Court's January 14, 2025, Order holding this appeal in abeyance.

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The undersigned hereby certifies that on July 3, 2025, a copy of **Appellants' Status Report** was served on all counsel of record via email containing the above referenced document to counsels' individual AIS email addresses as follows:

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