

**FORM 1  
NOTICE TO THE COURTS**

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
In The Court of  
Common Pleas  
[In The Supreme Court]

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COLUMBIA REAL ESTATE,  
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Plaintiff(s),

v.

Sherman Smith

Defendant.

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I, Sherman Smith, the natural living being and **Noncitizen State National**, reserve my right not to be compelled to perform under contract or commercial agreement that I did not enter into **knowingly, willingly, voluntarily or intentionally**, and I, furthermore do not accept any liability of the compelled benefit of any unrevealed contract or commercial agreement. – UCC 1-207/UCC 1-308.

I am here on “**special appearance**” to defend **the inappropriately, erroneously, &**

**fraudulently charged “Estate” referenced, under duress of unlawful seizure, extortion, defamation of character, discrimination, Fraud & unlawful void orders due to lack of jurisdiction.**

I, Sherman Smith, **the natural living being** cannot be **compelled** to donate **my time, labor, energy & or my property** for the benefit of **public servants** who act under **delegated authority**, while I receive: **No compensation, no due process & no constitutional protection**. Time is not a public commodity, it is property and no government actor has lawful authority to demand it. Absent a constitutional duty or a contract created with **full disclosure, mutual understanding & informed consent**. I have already been forced to waste valuable time (**24 months**) defending my constitutional rights against **unlawful proceedings** that never had **constitutional grounding** in the first place. Any further attempt to **extract my time, under color of law** shall be deemed **trespass upon private property**, a breach of the **5<sup>th</sup> amendment** and a **knowing violation of trust**. Therefore, this Tribunal has **no rightful authority** to continue or to hold any record of this matter on its docket.

Let the record show that the **“violation of due process”** has been so great that Defendant, the natural living being Sherman Smith, executor & only beneficiary of the Estate referred to as **“SHERMAN SMITH,”** is currently being **FORCED** to simultaneously defend 3 different court cases (**Case #2025-CP-40-04038, Case #2023CP4003343, Appellate Case #2025001099**) - 2 in **civil court** & 1 in the **Appeals court** over the **same subject matter**.

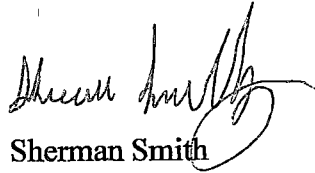
Once a case goes into appeals court, the **lower courts lose jurisdiction** on the subject matter. Though Defendant has proven, on the record in all 3 cases, **“Fraud in factum,”** all 3 cases **inappropriately** continue to move forward with the **premeditated intent to maliciously violate Defendant’s 4 & 5<sup>th</sup> amendment** no matter what has been proven lawfully on the record.

I, Sherman Smith, the natural living being have provided statements that are sworn under penalty of perjury and notarized and documented for the record, as well as documented evidence proving every statement to be true.

**CC: Attorney General Alan Wilson**

**CC: Governor Henry McMaster**

July 14, 2025



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Other Counsel of Record:

s/Michael P. Morris

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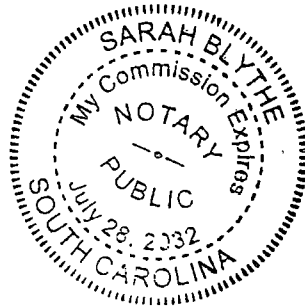
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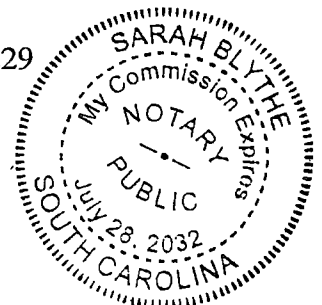
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I certify that I have served a Notice to the Courts on Attorney General Alan Wilson by depositing a copy of it in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, on July 14, 2025, addressed to his mailing address at P.O. Box 11549, Columbia, South Carolina 29211.

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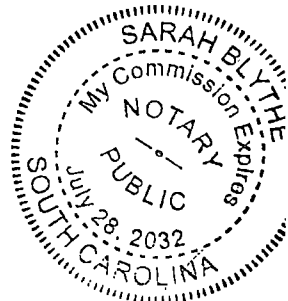
I certify that I have served a Notice to the Courts on Richard Gates and GREATER COLUMBIA REAL ESTATE, LLC by depositing a copy of it in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, on July 14, 2025, addressed to their attorney on record, Michael P. Morris, at his office at MP Morris Law Firm, P.A.; 1735 St. Julian Pl., Ste. 103; Columbia, SC 29204.

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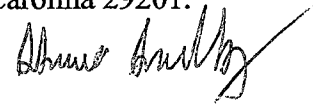
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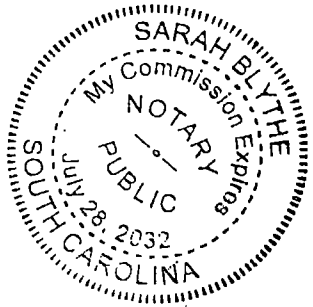
I certify that I have served a Notice to the Courts on Governor Henry McMaster by depositing a copy of it in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, on July 14, 2025, addressed to his office at 1100 Gervais Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201.



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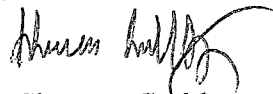
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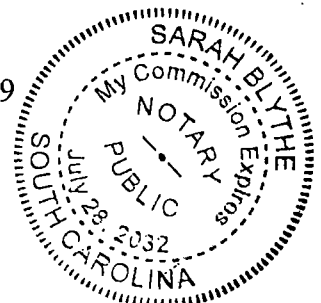
I certify that I have served a Notice to the Courts on FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION by depositing a copy of it in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, on July 14, 2025, addressed to its attorney on record, J. Martin Page, at their office at BELL, CARRINGTON, PRICE & GREGG, LLC; 339 Heyward Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor; Columbia, SC 29201.

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I certify that I have served a Notice to the Courts on the Master in Equity by delivering a copy of it, on July 14, 2025, to the Richland County Clerk of Court, at 1701 Main St, #205, Columbia, SC 29201.

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