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The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings
Clerk, South Carolina Court of Appeals
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RE: Appellate Case No 2024-002049

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

The subject of the above referenced appellate case involves confidential medical records. The SC Court of Appeals remanded the case to the trial court (Judge Doanld B. Hocker) related to further discovery related to these medical records.

On January 23rd, 2025, Judge Hocker ordered that these medical records were to remain confidential. (See Attached, with the full order filed with the Court of Appeals in this case on January 24th, 2025.)

I have just learned that on May 29th, 2025, Judge Hocker filed a copy of his **unredacted** order with the SC Court of Appeals. This unredacted order contains the names of my medical providers – ie “doxing” them and defeating the purpose of Judge Hocker’s original confidentiality order. I caught this error in May with the filing of the order at the trial court level – and a redacted copy (attached) was filed.

Please substitute the unredacted 1/24/2025 unredacted filing online with the attached redacted copy so that my medical providers will not be “doxed”.

Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at jeff@apogeetax.com or give me a call at 843-901-8036 (cell).

Sincerely,



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2. That due to the personal and confidential nature of these medical records, the attorneys for the Defendants are to use these records and information that the Plaintiff provides in this case only. The attorneys have the right to discuss with their clients the general nature of the documents without allowing the Defendants to view the same. Everyone on the Defendants' side are enjoined and restrained from disclosing these records and information contained therein to anyone outside of this case in any manner whatsoever. Furthermore, the attorneys for the Defendants and the Defendants shall make no contact with any of the Plaintiff's medical providers and medical insurance companies as the Plaintiff has expressed concern that they would.

3. That the issue of discovery as to any other matters requested by the Defendants is held in abeyance at this time.

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SO ORDERED.

DONALD B. HOCKER
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

Laurens, South Carolina
Date: 1-23-25

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
) IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
COUNTY OF NEWBERRY)

JEFFERSON DAVIS, JR.)
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Plaintiff/Appellant)
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vs,)
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CHAD CONNELLY, et.al.)
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Defendants/Respondents)
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ORDER
2020-CP-36-00382 and 384
Appellate Case No.20240002049

This Order is being issued without a hearing and is the third Order issued by this Court since The South Carolina Court of Appeals (COA) issued its Order on December 20, 2024.

An overview of what has transpired will be set out, beginning with the Contempt Order issued by this Court on November 25, 2024, in order to keep matters in perspective.

This Court held the Plaintiff in contempt of Court on November 25, 2024 and ordered him to pay fees and costs. Subsequent thereto, the Plaintiff filed an



appeal of this Contempt Order to the COA. Evidently realizing later that the appeal did not automatically stay the contempt finding, the Plaintiff filed a Writ of Supersedeas with the COA seeking a stay of the enforcement of the contempt.

By Order of the COA on December 20, 2024, a temporary stay was ordered with a remand to the lower court for an expedited hearing on the request to the lifting the automatic stay or granting supersedeas. This Order contained other applicable provisions.

It is the position of the Plaintiff that due to his medical condition that he is unable to pay the contempt fees and costs and he wants the contempt dismissed.

Subsequent to the above, the Defendants filed a joint Motion for discovery of records from the Plaintiff concerning medical, financial, tax and asset records. The first expedited hearing was held on January 8, 2025 by this Court. An Order was issued on January 23, 2025 ordering, in part, medical records and information of the Plaintiff specifically addressing the issue of the Plaintiff's inability to pay the contempt fees and costs. This information was to come from the Plaintiff's doctors, hospitals, etc.

In accordance with the above, voluminous medical records were provided by the Plaintiff to the Court and Defendants' counsel several times. These records

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did not address however, from a medical standpoint, the issue of the Plaintiff's inability to pay the contempt fees and costs. What the records did show was that the Plaintiff was [REDACTED] in 2024 (possibility before then), [REDACTED]. More recent records indicate a [REDACTED] in the future.

Consequently, this Court issued an Order on May 1, 2025 requiring the Plaintiff to provide information directly from his treating doctors indicating a timeframe for the completion of [REDACTED]. This information was provided by the Plaintiff in compliance with the Court's Order. A summary of the four letters from the Plaintiff's doctors is as follows:

1. [REDACTED] (April, May, June 2025) and [REDACTED]. He will be able to reengage in most activities by October 1, 2025. This doctor notes no work during this period of time. (Note: This is the first medical record provided related to the issue of activities, work and/or otherwise);
2. [REDACTED] to be completed November 2025. Currently unable to work because of [REDACTED]. She indicates full recovery by New Year. (Note: Second medical record as above);

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3. [REDACTED] letter. Reengage by September 15, 2025;

4. [REDACTED]. Reengage by September 15, 2025.

The Court will make some observations and the plans to move forward notwithstanding Plaintiff's repeated requests to dismiss this entire matter against him:

1. Notwithstanding the fact that the Plaintiff has accused the Court (See below Note) of doubting the existence of Plaintiff's [REDACTED] which the Court never has, it is clear that he [REDACTED] and has undergone and continues to undergo treatment of various kinds;

2. The existence of [REDACTED] however serious it may be, does not "in and of itself" automatically determine that the Plaintiff is unable, financially and otherwise, to pay the contempt fees and costs. The Plaintiff has simply wanted this Court and the Defendants to blindly accept, without inquiring, investigation, or questioning, his assertion that he is unable to pay the contempt fees and costs because of medical reasons.

3. This Court takes extremely seriously the issue of contempt

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as it relates to both sides and wants to be as methodical as possible so that the ultimate decision will be a correct and fair one.

4. Everyone, including this Court and the COA, thought that an expedited hearing would be sufficient to decide the issue of a automatic stay/supersedeas and for the Court of Appeals to resume control of this case. This Court has determined that more time is needed and it is hoped that the Court of Appeals will be agreement.

5. That based upon the above doctors' reports with respect to resumption of activities, two say September 25th, one says October 1 and one says by the first of the new year.

6. That the temporary stay will remain in effect until the next hearing to be scheduled sometime in November 2025. At the hearing the Court will allow the Defendant's to renew their Motion for records and will determine whether to continue the temporary stay/lift the automatic stay or grant supersedeas. The Court will be in touch with the parties concerning scheduling of this hearing. While the Court prefers an in-person hearing, it will certainly entertain a request for a virtual hearing.

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7. Once again, this Court recognizes that both sides eagerly desire a Final ruling in this case.

Accordingly, the above is hereby ordered:

So Ordered.



DONALD B. HOCKER
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

Laurens, South Carolina
Date: 5-29-25

Note: At the contempt hearing in October 2024, the Plaintiff, in a sworn Affidavit of May 16, 2025, quotes from the Transcript of what the Court said: "But bold (sworn) statements that you had health issues and therefore can't pay without any supporting documents from doctors or whoever to support that, it is hard for me to put much faith into your statement insofar as allowing that to be a basis for a defense to this contempt action."

