

The Supreme Court of South Carolina

Rufus Rivers and Merle Rivers, Respondents,

v.

James Smith, Jr., Petitioner.

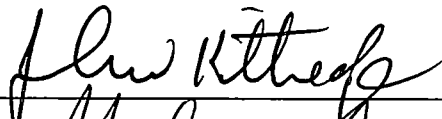
Appellate Case No. 2023-001318

ORDER

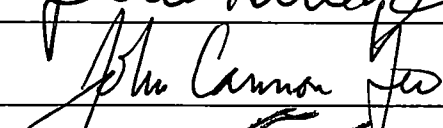
Respondents have submitted three motions, entitled as follows: (1) Motion to Stay Issuance of the Remittitur; (2) Supplemental Notice in Support of Motion to Stay Remittitur, Request for Forensic Access to Signature Exemplars, and Notice of Anticipated Rule 60 Relief; and (3) Emergency Notice of Filing Disputed POA Exhibits.

Overall, Respondents ask that this Court (1) confirm the remittitur remains recalled and stay the sending of the remittitur; (2) permit the filing of expert findings and related evidence; (3) authorize Respondents to obtain signature examples for use in forensic analysis to present to this Court; and (4) take judicial notice of Respondents' intent to seek relief under Rule 60, SCRPC.

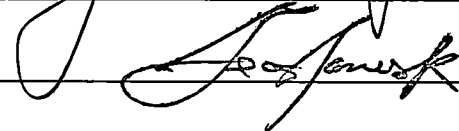
We confirm the remittitur was recalled on April 23, 2025, and deny Respondents' requests for relief. As there is no further relief we may grant Respondents in this matter, we now send the remittitur to the circuit court.



C.J.



J.



J.

D. Hanlin J.
Chet H. Verdin J.

Columbia, South Carolina
August 14, 2025

cc:
Kathleen McColl McDaniel
Sarah Jean Michaelis Cox
Rufus Rivers
Merle Rivers
Winnifa Brown-Clark