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APPEAL FROM OCONEE COUNTY  
Court of Common Pleas  
R. Lawton McIntosh, Circuit Judge

Appellate Case No. 2024-000739  
Common Pleas Case No. 2022-CP-37-00182

Dorothy Pierce,..... Appellant,

v.

Jerry Edwards, Edwards Group Holdings, Inc., Edwards Printing, Richard Hunt McDuff, MJM Law LLC, Riley Morningstar, the Journal Newspaper, Hal Welch, ..... Respondents,

JOURNAL RESPONDENTS’ SECOND MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO SERVE  
AND FILE RESPONSE TO APPELLANT’S MOTION TO STAY AND MOTION TO VACATE  
AND DECLARE VOID AB INITIO

Respondents Jerry Edwards, Edwards Group Holdings, Inc., Edwards Printing, Riley Morningstar, the Journal Newspaper, and Hal Welch (collectively “Journal Respondents”) move pursuant to Rule 263(b), SCACR, for an additional 30-day extension of the time through September 21, 2025 in which to serve and file their response to Appellants’ Emergency Motion to Stay and Motion to Vacate and Declare Void Ab Initio. There is good cause for granting this motion.

The grounds for the requested relief are that the Journal Respondents are working on finalizing a tentative settlement with Appellant which may render further briefing necessary.

WHEREFORE Journal Respondents pray for an order extending the time in which to serve and file their Response to Appellants' Emergency Motion to Stay and Motion to Vacate and Declare Void Ab Initio through September 21, 2025.

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