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The Honorable Patricia A. Howard
Clerk of Court
Supreme Court of South Carolina
1231 Gervais Street
Columbia, SC 29201

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S.C. SUPREME COURT

**Re: Julia Brooker v. Beacham O. Brooker, Jr.
Appellate Case No. 2024-001115**

Dear Ms. Howard,

The above reference case involved an appeal from multiple orders issued by the Honorable Amy McCulloch, Richland County Probate Judge. The first order was filed June 20, 2019, the second order dated August 5, 2019, awarded a attorneys' fees, and the third order dated August 5, 2019, denied a motion to reconsider, hereinafter "Probate Orders."

The Probate Orders were affirmed by Richland County Court of Common Pleas, Circuit Court Judge R. Kirk Griffin, in an Order filed March 22, 2021, hereinafter "Circuit Court Order."

The Circuit Court Order was appealed to the South Carolina Court of Appeals and affirmed on May 8, 2024.

The Supreme Court accepted certiorari to review the Court of Appeals' decision on September 11, 2024. However, after oral argument, the Supreme Court issued an Order on March 19, 2025, dismissing the writ of certiorari as improvidently granted.

In addition, on March 19, 2025, Chief Deputy Clerk Brenda Shealy issued a Remittitur addressed to the Richland County Clerk of Court, Jeanette W. McBride.

On July 1, 2025, we filed a Motion to Compel compliance with the Probate Orders on behalf of our client Julia Brooker. The hearing on our Motion to Compel was conducted today, August 27, 2025. At the beginning of the hearing counsel for the above-named Appellants contested the Richland County Probate Court's subject matter jurisdiction to enforce the Probate Orders because the Remittitur was addressed to Ms. McBride, the Clerk of Court for Richland County, and not to the Probate Court.

Judge McCulloch held the hearing in abeyance and requested that the parties seek clarification from the Supreme Court regarding the scope of the Remittitur. The question presented is whether the Supreme Court intended to limit the jurisdiction of further proceedings to enforce

the Probate Orders to the Richland County Court of Common Pleas, or does the Remittitur also confer jurisdiction upon the Richland County Probate Court to enforce the Probate Orders?

Judge McCulloch and all parties respectfully request clarification of the scope of the Remittitur, and any guidance the Supreme Court may provide on future proceedings in the lower court.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'James M. Griffin', is written over the typed name.

James M. Griffin

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