

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
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 APPEAL FROM GEORGETOWN COUNTY )  
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 JOSEPH N. GRATE, APPELLANT, )  
 )  
 vs. )  
 )  
 MICHAEL T. BENSON, )  
 LINWOOD JESSE ROUSE, )  
 SAM SULLIVAN / SAMANTHA SULLIVAN, )  
 COASTAL CAROLINA UNIVERSITY, )  
 )  
 RESPONDENTS. )

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
 15th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
 Benjamin H. Culbertson, Circuit Court Judge

Case No.: 2025CP2200606

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS  
 NOTICE OF CIVIL APPEAL

Case No.: \_\_\_\_\_

1. The plaintiff, the party taking the appeal, hereby gives notice of appeal from the judgment of the Circuit Court in the county of GEORGETOWN; issued by: THE HONORABLE JUDGE, BENJAMIN H. CULBERTSON.
2. This notice of appeal is made subsequent to the notice of the judgment dated August 1, 2025, which was received on the 12th day of AUGUST 2025.

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**The appellant's exceptions to the judgment are as follows:**

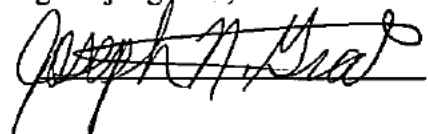
1. Re: the issue of Improper Service.
2. Re: the issue of Improper Venue.
3. Re: the issue of Rule 12 (b) (6) related presentation, in its entirety.
4. Re: The application of the South Carolina Tort Claims Act.
5. Appellant is challenging the ruling on all matters comprising the judgment, in total.

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Plaintiff hereby certifies that a copy of the Notice of Appeal was sent to Council for Respondents, via Certified U. S. Mail.

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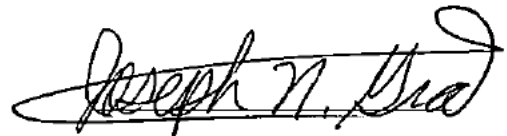
The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings  
Clerk, South Carolina Court of Appeals  
Post Office Box 11629 Columbia,  
South Carolina 29211

RE: Michael T. Benson, Linwood Jesse Rouse, Sam / Samantha Sullivan, Coastal  
Carolina University, Respondents v. Joseph N. Grate, Appellant, Case No.  
2025-CP-22-00606

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Enclosed for filing is a notice of appeal in the above case. Also enclosed are the following:

- (1) Proof of service of the notice of appeal on the respondents.
- (2) A copy of the judgment which is to be challenged on appeal.
- (3) A filing fee of \$250.



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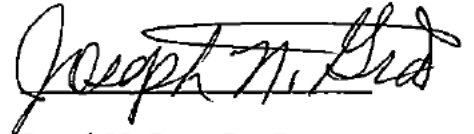
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The Honorable Alma Y. White  
Clerk of Court for Georgetown County  
Post Office Box 479  
Georgetown, South Carolina 29442

RE: Michael T. Benson, Linwood Jesse Rouse, Sam / Samantha Sullivan, Coastal  
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Dear Ms. White:

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