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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

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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,

**MOTION TO DISMISS APPEAL AS TO RESPONDENTS RICHARD HUNT  
MCDUFF OR MJM LAW, LLC.**

Pursuant to Rule 260(b), SCACR, the parties to the above-captioned appellate matter hereby jointly move this Court for dismissal of the appeal as to Respondents Richard Hunt McDuff and MJM Law, LLC (collectively, the “Attorney Respondents”).

The parties further agree that Appellant Dorothy Pierce and the Attorney Respondents shall each bear their own costs.

**WHEREFORE**, the moving parties respectfully pray that this Court enter an Order dismissing the appeal with prejudice as to the Attorney Respondents.

Executed this October 8, 2025

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this October 8, 2025, I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing Joint Motion to Dismiss Appeal as to Respondents Richard Hunt McDuff, MJM Law LLC to be served via electronic mail upon the following counsel of record:

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