

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In The Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM DORCHESTER COUNTY
Court of Common Pleas

The Honorable James E. Chellis, Master-in-Equity

Appellate Case No. 2025-001632

Cornerstone Ventures International, LLC, Respondent,

v.

Alvin E. Burch, Sr., Appellant.

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NOTICE OF NEWLY DISCOVERED EVIDENCE AND CLARIFICATION OF
REPRESENTATION STATUS

Appellant, Alvin E. Burch, Sr., respectfully notifies this Honorable Court of newly discovered evidence and clarification concerning his representation status in the proceedings below:

1. Appellant was pro se at all times relevant to the purported “settlement agreement” presented by Respondent.
2. Attorney Zachery Closser was never attorney of record for the Appellant in this action, never filed a notice of appearance, and had no authority to represent or negotiate on Appellant’s behalf in this case.
3. Appellant has recently discovered that the signature appearing on the alleged settlement agreement is identical to Appellant’s signature from a separate engagement letter with Attorney Closser in an unrelated matter, indicating that the settlement signature may have been lifted or reproduced without authorization.

4. Appellant previously moved the trial court to subpoena the original settlement agreement for examination, but that motion was denied, preventing verification of authenticity.
5. The appellate record already reflects Appellant's motion to subpoena the original settlement agreement (R. p. ___) and the trial court's denial thereof. At that time, Appellant lacked access to the document's original and therefore could not confirm forgery. Upon subsequent comparison of known exemplars after the trial court's ruling, Appellant now has reason to believe the signature was not authentic. This Notice is filed to preserve the issue and to clarify that the earlier subpoena motion was made in good-faith pursuit of potential fraud that could not then be substantiated.
6. Appellant submits this Notice to ensure that the appellate record accurately reflects that he was unrepresented during the relevant period, that Attorney Closser did not have authority to act on his behalf, and that the authenticity and validity of any purported settlement agreement remain subject to verification.

Respectfully submitted, October 11, 2025


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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that a copy of the Notice of Newly Discovered Evidence and Clarification of Representation Status has been served via US Mail on October 11, 2025 in accordance with Rule 262, SCACR, addressed as follows.

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