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APPEAL FROM THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

SC Court of Appeals

Donald B. Hocker, Circuit Court Judge

Case No. 2023-CP-20-00374

Ridgeway Manor Healthcare Center, LLC
Deborah Sparks, and James McCollum, Appellants,

v.

Stephanie Pressley, as Personal
Representative of the Estate of Gail Wright, Respondents.

APPELLANTS' SUPPLEMENTAL BRIEF
IN SUPPORT OF ITS PETITION TO REINSTATE APPEAL

Appellants Ridgeway Manor Healthcare Center, LLC, Deborah Sparks, and James McCollum (collectively referred to herein as "Appellants"), by and through their undersigned counsel, hereby provide this supplemental brief in support of their petition for an order reinstating the above-captioned appeal pursuant to Rule 260(a), SCACR. Appellants reiterate that good cause exists to reinstate the appeal in accordance Rule 260(a), SCACR.

This appeal concerns Appellants' attempts to compel arbitration. On September 16, 2025, the Court entered an order dismissing this matter, noting that Appellants had failed to notify the Court that the transcript was not received, as required by correspondence dated September 2, 2025. On September 17, 2025, Appellants promptly moved to reinstate the appeal, explaining that the dismissal resulted from an inadvertent clerical error – an email intended for the Court was sent to an incorrect domain name – and not from any neglect or lack of diligence.

Respondent did not timely file or serve any return or opposition to the Petition to Reinstate. Nearly one (1) month later, on October 15, 2025, Respondent submitted

correspondence to the Court asserting opposition based on newly discovered information regarding a June 2, 2025 email from the transcript vendor. First and foremost, such correspondence was not filed as a motion or return within the time prescribed by the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules and, thus, should be disregarded.

In addition to actively pursuing the transcripts, the record shows that Appellants diligently pursued the transcript and acted in good faith in complying with all applicable deadlines. As detailed in previously filed correspondence, the undersigned affirms that the June 2, 2025 email from the transcript vendor was misfiled in the undersigned's "Other" email folder – a known and documented Outlook filtering issue. Furthermore, the mistake coincided with the sudden passing of the undersigned's counsel mother in early June, necessitating immediate international travel to Zimbabwe. *See generally* App. Oct. 15, 2025 Corr., Exhibits 2, 3, and 4.

The aforementioned demonstrate that any delay or noncompliance with the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules was both inadvertent and inexcusable. Appellants have since confirmed the transcript is in production and have acted promptly and transparently to remedy any procedural deficiencies. No prejudice will result to Respondent by reinstating the appeal, which should be resolved on its merits. For these reasons, and those contained in Appellants' Petition to Reinstate Appeal, Appellants respectfully reiterate its request that the Court reinstate the above-captioned appeal pursuant to Rule 260(a), SCACR, and allow the matter to proceed on its merits.

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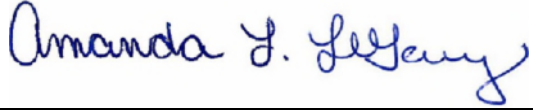
I certify that I have served the Supplemental Brief in Support of Motion to Reinstate Appeal on the Respondents, Stephanie Pressley, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Gail Wright, via E-mail upon their respective attorneys of record as properly addressed below this 16th day of September 2025:

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