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IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF CHARLESTON

CYNTHIA VERONESE,

Plaintiff,

v.

JARREL L. WIGGER AND WIGGER LAW
FIRM, INC.,

Defendants.

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
FOR THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

CASE NUMBER: 2025-CP-10-02069

ORDER OF DISMISSAL

It appearing that a hearing was held on August 21, 2025, on the Defendants' Motion to Dismiss the Plaintiff's Complaint.

The Plaintiff retained the Defendants regarding a claim of sexual harassment. The Defendants investigated the claim and determined that they would not pursue the case. The Defendants closed Plaintiff's file verbally, then followed with a written letter dated April 18, 2022. The Plaintiff waited three years, until April 14, 2025, to file a lawsuit alleging professional negligence, just prior to the running of her statute of limitations to do so. The Plaintiff had three years prior to her filing to retain an expert willing to provide an Affidavit that there was malpractice in closing a file, to file contemporaneously as an attachment to her Summons and Complaint. The Plaintiff failed to do so. The Plaintiff filed her Summons and Complaint against the Defendants without an Affidavit, as required by South Carolina Code 15-36-100.

Under South Carolina Code, Section 15-36-100, the Plaintiff was required to have an affidavit from an expert in the field of law accompany her complaint for allegations of professional negligence at the time of the filing on April 14, 2025. The Plaintiff failed to do so, and when Defendants filed a Motion to Dismiss, the Plaintiff requested additional time from the Court to obtain an expert and provide the required Affidavit. The Plaintiff was provided additional time (until August 7, 2025) to allow her the opportunity to obtain this statutorily required affidavit. Despite that extension, the

Plaintiff has failed to provide the required affidavit as of the time of the hearing. For these reasons, the Plaintiff's claims are dismissed.

IT IS ORDERED that the causes of action against Defendants Jarrel L. Wigger and Wigger Law Firm, Inc. are hereby dismissed and ended with prejudice, and that the Complaint setting out allegations against these Defendants are hereby dismissed. This Order for Dismissal will end the Plaintiff's claims; however, the Counterclaims of the Defendants are not impacted by this Order of Dismissal.

Honorable S. Bryan Doby
Circuit Court Judge

_____, South Carolina
This ____ day of September 2025



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So Ordered

S. Bryan Doby, Circuit Court Judge, No. 2784

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