

**THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS**

Appeal from Dorchester County
Court of Common Pleas

Maite Murphy, Circuit Court Judge

Case No. 2024-CP-18-00671

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Javan Ennis
as Personal Representative of the Estate of Michael Ennis,

Respondent,

v.

Hallmark Longterm Care, LLC d/b/a Hallmark Healthcare Center
and Kellie Hiers,

Appellants.

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Defendants/Appellants, Hallmark Longterm Care, LLC d/b/a Hallmark Healthcare Center and Kellie Hiers (collectively, “Appellants”), hereby appeal the following order of the Honorable Maite Murphy, Circuit Court Judge:

- **Order Denying Defendants’ Motion to Stay and Compel Arbitration, filed September 23, 2025.**

A copy of the appealed order is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. Appellants received written notice of entry of the most recent order on September 23, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,
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I, Russell G. Hines, of Clement Rivers, LLP, attorneys for Appellants, hereby certify that Appellants' **NOTICE OF APPEAL** was served on Respondent on October 22, 2025, by emailing (see attached email) a copy of the same to her counsel of record:

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I also certify that a copy of Appellants' **NOTICE OF APPEAL** was today, October 22, 2025, E-Filed with the lower court (see attached NEF), which also, i.e., in addition to service by email, effected service of the notice today on all counsel of record via the E-Filing System.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attached for service in the above-referenced matter please find our **Notice of Appeal** and the **Appealed Order** attached thereto.

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The following people were served electronically:

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