

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

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Cornerstone Ventures International, LLC

Respondent,

v.

Alvin E. Burch, Sr.

Appellant.

APPELLANT'S VERIFIED PETITION FOR WRIT OF SUPERSEDEAS AND STAY OF
PROCEEDINGS PENDING APPEAL

I. Introduction

Pursuant to Rule 241(a), (b)(4), (c)(2), and (d)(3) of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules (SCACR), Appellant, Alvin E. Burch, Sr., pro se, respectfully petitions this Honorable Court for a writ of supersedeas and a stay of all further proceedings in the related matter of Cornerstone Ventures International, LLC v. Sonja Y. Moses and Alvin E. Burch, Sr., C.A. No. 2024-CP-15-00659 (Colleton County), pending final disposition of the related appeal currently before this Court, Appellate Case No. 2025-001632 (arising from Dorchester County Case No. 2023-CP-18-00658).

II. Factual and Procedural Background

1. The Dorchester County action (2023-CP-18-00658) concerns a disputed confession of judgment and alleged settlement agreement, which are now on appeal before this Court under Appellate Case No. 2025-001632.
2. The Colleton County action (2024-CP-15-00659) arises directly from that same judgment and

seeks to unwind a real property transfer from an LLC to Appellant's wife, Sonja Y. Moses, and to sell the property to satisfy the very judgment now under appellate review.

3. The Special Referee for Colleton County denied Appellant's motion to stay those proceedings on the grounds of the pending Dorchester appeal, creating a substantial risk that the property will be sold or title otherwise altered before this Court issues its ruling.

4. If the Colleton matter proceeds to a sale, any subsequent reversal or modification by this Court in the Dorchester appeal would be rendered meaningless, as the property could not easily be restored to its pre-sale condition. This would effectively moot the appeal and deprive this Court of its jurisdiction to render an effective judgment.

III. Legal Basis for Relief

Under Rule 241(b)(4) and S.C. Code Ann. § 18-9-170, judgments directing the sale or possession of real property are exceptions to the automatic stay provided by Rule 241(a), requiring a writ of supersedeas to suspend enforcement.

Rule 241(c)(2) authorizes issuance of a stay or supersedeas when necessary 'to preserve jurisdiction of the appeal or to prevent a contested issue from becoming moot.' The facts here satisfy both criteria: the continuation of the Colleton County action would undermine this Court's jurisdiction over the subject matter of the Dorchester appeal and render its ultimate decision ineffective.

A writ of supersedeas is therefore necessary to preserve the appellate court's jurisdiction and to maintain the status quo pending review.

IV. Relief Requested

Appellant respectfully requests that this Honorable Court:

1. Issue a writ of supersedeas staying **all proceedings and enforcement actions** in *Cornerstone Ventures International, LLC v. Sonja Y. Moses and Alvin E. Burch, Sr.*, C.A. No. 2024-CP-15-00659 (Colleton County), including but not limited to any foreclosure, sale, transfer, or

judicial action seeking to reverse or otherwise affect the conveyance of real property from the LLC to Sonja Y. Moses, pending disposition of *Appellate Case No. 2025-001632*;

2. Direct that no deed, conveyance, or order altering title to the subject property be executed or recorded during the pendency of this appeal; and
3. Grant such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

V. Certification and Service

Appellant certifies that a copy of this petition has been served upon opposing counsel, Lawrence Hershon and Colleton County Special Referee, Attorney Benjamin Sapp, by electronic mail and U.S. Mail on this 20th day of October, 2025, respectively to:

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Respectfully submitted this 20th day of October, 2025.


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VERIFICATION

I, Alvin E. Burch, Sr., hereby verify that the statements contained in this Petition for Writ of Supersedeas are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, under penalty of perjury pursuant to Rule 11, SCRPC.

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