

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In The Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM HAMPTON COUNTY
Court of Common Pleas

R. Lawton McIntosh, Circuit Court Judge

Case No. 2024-CP-25-00409
Court of Appeals Appellate Case No. 2025-001849

Peters, Murdaugh, Parker, Eltzroth & Detrick, P.A.,.....Respondent,

v.

William Barnes and Barnes Law Firm, LLC,.....Appellants.

v.

Parker Law Group, LLP,.....Third-Party Defendant.

APPELLANTS’ MOTION TO ALLOW LATE FILING AND FOR AN ORDER HOLDING
THE RETURN DEADLINE IN ABEYANCE OR, ALTERNATIVELY, AN ORDER FOR AN
EXTENSION TO FILE A RETURN TO RESPONDENT’S MOTION TO DISMISS

Pursuant to Rules 240 and 263, SCACR, Appellants William Barnes and Barnes Law Firm, LLC, move this Court to allow a late filing and for either an order holding in abeyance the deadline to file a Return in Opposition to Respondent’s motion to dismiss or an extension to file a Return in Opposition to Respondent’s motion to dismiss.

On September 10, 2025, Appellants filed and served the Notice of Appeal in this case. On September 12, 2025, Appellants filed a Motion to Certify the case to the Supreme Court. On October 9, 2025, Appellants filed a motion in this Court to hold the appeal in abeyance until the Supreme Court ruled on the Motion to Certify. Respondent has not filed a Return to the Motion to Hold in Abeyance in this Court.



On October 13, 2025, Respondent filed in the Supreme Court a Return to Appellants' Motion to Certify. Respondent argued the case is not immediately appealable and asked the Supreme Court to rule on appealability. (Exh. 1, excerpt from Return, pp. 7-9).

On that same day, Respondent filed in this Court a Motion to dismiss as unappealable, making the same argument it raised in the Supreme Court.

Appellants moved for and were granted by the Supreme Court an extension to file a Reply, which is currently due on November 2, 2025.

Appellants move this Court to allow a late filing of a Return to Respondent's Motion to dismiss in this Court. Appellants also move this Court to hold in abeyance the deadline to file that Return until the Supreme Court rules on the Motion to Certify as the issue of appealability is also before that Court.

Alternatively, if this Court would like a Return to the Motion to Dismiss, Appellants move for a 10 day extension to file the Return.

Respectfully submitted,

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