

The South Carolina Court of Appeals

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In The Court of Appeals

Joe L. Adams, Jr., Appellant,
v.
Betty Ogbuneke, Respondent,

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In the Matter of Joe L. Adams, Sr.
Appellate Case No. 2022-000357

Appeal From York County
William A. McKinnon, Circuit Court Judge
Unpublished Opinion No. 2025-UP-366

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Petition for Rehearing En Banc

To the South Carolina Court of Appeals,

I am submitting this petition for rehearing En Banc to ask for a reconsideration of the opinion that was sent on November 5, 2025.. I am asking for this because I believe that if all the judges read this at least one will see my situation and may be able to understand my efforts and my investment. In reading the decision I wanted to submit this Petition for Rehearing to reconsider the Opinion due to existing Brady Law Violations and I would like to submit my reasons for the reconsideration.. The appeals court based its decision on whether or not the plaintiff submitted the required

issues on appeal.. The plaintiff did file the issues on appeal and the document was handed to the judge in live court by Judge Corbette. The judge did not properly review the issues on appeal and ask the plaintiff to name one issue that is appealable and the plaintiff answered in live court that “ I didn’t get a chance to testify”. But the judge suppressed the plaintiffs testimony as if he didn’t hear it and also disregarded the issues on appeal that were delivered to him by hand in open court by the Honorable Judge Corbett. The probate court and circuit courts both have ignored the plaintiff has paid more than 21,000.00 in property taxes solely without any payment or help from Mrs. Ogbuneke who has never paid any taxes and has abandoned the estate for more than 18 years and has never contributed or paid in any form for any repairs or helped with the upkeep of the estate but has been able to open several businesses:

- Jazz Café 2127 Arsley Town Blvd #103 Charlotte NC
- Zee Zee Trucking 13000 South Tryon ste, Charlotte NC
- Karolina Home Care 5820 E WT Harris Blv Charlotte NC
- Karolina Transportation Service, LLC 5820 E WT Harris Blvd Charlotte NC 28215

that all provided gainful additional income on top of her working husband who is an active accountant. The gainful income was used to fund her children going to college and only their benefit and none to help support the estate or help contribute to paying any taxes.. She sent her son to a college located in the Bahamas and took trips to visit.. I have not been able to take vacations and have that type of travel due to saving always for a rainy day around here.. The total extent of her abuse I was not able to get after my father passed as the power of attorney expired.. She used my fathers credit card to buy the building and remodeling material to open these businesses and didn’t do anything to help with the upkeep or maintenance of the estate even after the disasters or pay any taxes but chose to enjoy her riches with her own family including excursions to Biltmore House and other splurging.

Mrs Ogbuneke intentionally nefariously and secretly stole my fathers credit cards and spent them on elaborate family fun that did not include my father but was all for her.. She spent a lot of money to repair her cars on my fathers Sears account and abused his account a Belk as well in addition to other personal expenses on my fathers credit and I ask the court to investigate her abuse to my mothers credit as well as she is known by “many other names and variations of her name”.. This court in this opinion are inflicting great injustice on me and I ask that the court would consider sending this case back through the lower courts with new judges as well as restrict the inclusion of her attorney that is a judge himself and provides a unfair advantage to the severity of this case. I ask this of the Court of Appeals so I can have a fair trial and all the evidence can be reviewed in the court as proper.. The probate court allowed Mrs Ogbuneke to nefariously come to the court and file paperwork and never serve me any paperwork and show up with the police without notice outside of the courts instructions to notify me 48 hours prior to her arrival. She came with cameras and police and the Judge woodruff never approved any pictures or taking any film but later scolded Mrs Ogbuneke for her actions once I brought it to her attention of what was happening in the shadow of her recent ruling further abusing my rights..

After 18 years absent and never paying any property taxes she is coming in expecting to capitalize on all the upkeep and paid taxes I have struggled and paid from my single income free and clear.. But after Mrs Ogbuneke and Dr. Juvarez Ogbuneke committed fraud and went into a phone conference with Atrium Health where he acted like he was me and changed my fathers code from a Full Code to a DNR I cannot see her taking over or being soley in charge of anything at this estate because almost every single thing here now I have paid of it in full or its current condition is due to my upkeep and financial support an contributions over the last 21 years solely by myself without any help from Mrs Ogbuneke or her family.. Her son has never once came to help cut the grass of the 4 acres or help with the damage from the accidents or natural disasters. After the changes were made and recorded at Atrium, I was later informed of the meeting by Atrium/CMC and complained that it

was not me that was on the phone and they said the person stated he was Joe Adams.. This was her son dr Juvares Ogbuneke.. It is a very wrong thing to do and constitutes fraud and nefarious behavior on the part of Mrs Ogbuneke and even worse I have no doubt that Dr Ogbuneke participated in this due to the controlling nature of his mother and her vindictive retaliation and eternal debt to his mother for sending him to medical school regardless of the price. Mrs Ogbuneke has shown vengeance and retaliation against anyone that disagrees with her does not allow her complete and sole control of everything she is associate with.. During the time there was a dual power of attorney in place that would have prevented her from making the DNR (Do Not Resuscitate) decision alone so she used her son and persuaded him to act as if he was me and he would have access to all my personal information like birth date and social security information through Mrs. Ogbuneke and knew exactly what to say..

Although it was possible to use her husband as well she chose her son because her husband is African with a strong African accent. It was her husband that initial separated Mrs Ogbuneke from our family to this degree. Mrs Ogbuneke also lived with an older man when she was 16 and he paid for her apartment up the street but she still was connected to us and never estranged from the whole family to this degree as presented today..

I do believe it was true as the hospital would not make up this kind of story and they take all of the life supporting equipment off my father and refuse nursing care to allow him to expire... Prior to that there was an emergency that my father choked during the night on his own saliva and the hospital called because he was having a lot of pain in breathing because the saliva went into his longs.. The called me into a meeting and ask me if I would agree to allow my father to pass if anything like that happened again and I said I could not bear the thought of my father choking to death and if there were other ways to support him please no choking to death... but Mrs Ogbuneke said yes... she wanted to allow him die this way.. by this time she had refused any visits or support for my father and became an advocate for his death.. The hospital put a small tube in my fathers nose and drew all the fluid out and he

lived another year.. And I was glad because he was responsive to me and sometimes smiled at me when I talked about momma.

I was beyond angry when I found that her and her son had nefariously committed fraud by impersonating me and changing my fathers code to speed his death despite the Dual Healthcare Power of Attorney.. I was deeply hurt and it caused me to not trust Mrs Ogbuneke as any normal person can see she proved through her behavior and actions in this regard that she for me she was not a trustworthy or supportive person as the second half of my fathers Power Of Attorney agreement. She was in foreclosure during this time and I feel that she wanted the insurance money and has intention on selling all this property from under me and will take out loans and do all kinds of wrong in secret just like she did while she was smiling in daddy's face and stealing his credit cards and money out of the bank at the same time.. There is evidence of fraud to my fathers bank account that she made huge withdrawals and transfers that were recorded but never declared by Mrs Ogbuneke..

My mother Mrs Betty Adams.. My momma.. she loved me... and I would not lie on her or say anything that was not true.. She told me herself that Mrs. Ogbuneke had tried to introduce her to an African man to try to have my mom date him.. Moma told me.. She Said Tiger.. I told her "I don't want nobody but Joe" and I told her to never bring any man for her to meet.. My mother was a Good Momma and was not going to do anything to hurt daddy. Mrs Ogbuneke was never able to fully accept that my mother stayed with my father due to his time when he was younger being involved in abusive behavior toward my mom.. Mrs. Ogbuneke went to all the women in our family trying to persuade them to date African men that she had selected through her introduction provided by her marriage to a African man.. She went to my Aunt Margarets daughters as well trying to hook them up with African me.. She was able to get my Aunt Cathy Thompson involved but they really had a bad falling out over checks that my aunt said Mrs. Ogbuneke stole from her.. They fell all the way out and Aunt Kathy was very upset and the relationship did not survive then my aunt passed.

The plaintiff contends that there have been natural disasters in Rock Hill SC.. York County was hit by one of the worst hail storms in Rock Hill history in September of 2021.. The hail was as big in some instances as gold balls and some larger.. The hail hit hard and without notice.. We were sitting ducks when the storm started and tore up all my cars and houses and damaged everything that was not inside in the yard as well as tore all the shrubs up.. The hail storm was so furious that there was a mist on the ground after.. I was able to scramble and get my phone in the interim and captured the fury.. But after the storm... I expected that something that severe and that costly would have merited a call from either my Mrs Ogbuneke or Judge Corbitt to get an idea of what happened and to see if there was anything they could do to help or better yet just come home and help no need to call just come and lend a hand.. but nothing.. not one call and no offer to help.. as a result, I had to put tarps on the house and try to get FEMA assistance as they had a local office set up in the public library.. I needed help with the Original Moma's Kitchen that me and daddy had built and worked so hard on to turn into a night club.. My parents gave the house to Mrs. Ogbuneke for her and willie but she gave it back and decided it was not good enough and that her and Willie would build their own house in Charlotte and abandoned the house before she decided not to marry Willie at the alter.. My parents then gave me the house and I remodeled it into a house again and use it for all the supplies and other products that cant be kept in the open environment.. There was severe damage to the roof and the water was leaking in the house and caused extensive damage to the tiles and bathroom so I put tarps on the house to stop the water damage.. I had the roof repaired on my own. I tried to go through FEMA but was met with infinite wait and delay and finally I was not approved. so, I hired someone to fix the roof and stopped the leaking.



In 2023 a young man was driving on Orr Drive in Rock Hill and hit the fence me and daddy installed and tore down more than 500 ft of perimeter fence and destroyed the yard.. I thought at that time I would have a visit or call as I was told Mrs. Ogbuneke was riding in the area so I knew she was aware as well as my other kin I expected would have told her.. But even then... no help.. no financial support and I repaired the fence.. I had to do it all and no help ever not even to help clean up the mess and check to see how things were going..



Plaintiff contends that this Opinion is harmful to the plaintiff and does not take into account the more than \$21,000.00 the plaintiff has paid in property taxes not including the monies and labor he has contributed for the last 21 years keeping the property by himself with no visits or calls from Mrs Ogbuneke. The plaintiff ask for a retrial so his fate will not be based on the negligence and prejudice of the lower courts and wrong doing by the defense Judge/Lawyers ability to use his Judge influence to convince other court officials to suppress the evidence against his client and hide all the horrible things she has done leading up to the appeal due to her abandonment and stealing from the estate and abuse of my father. I had to recount the events in this rebuttal statement so the court can clearly see why I am opposed

to the appointment of Mrs. Betty Ogbuneke.. I cannot help but remember she killed my daddy.. She was behind the change from the full code to the DNR.. I didn't like the morphine.. it drained the color from my fathers face.. It took the last responses he could make from me right before my very eyes.. I can remember sitting and looking at daddy after the hospital took all the equipment from the room and nurses stopped coming that it would not be long.. I cannot allow her to do this.. not only for me but because she did my daddy like that.. and one of the last things my daddy told me was "don't let them take it from you son".. Don't let the African take if from you... It may not sound nice but daddy had a reason.. back in early 2000 my sister and her husband brought a few of her husbands friends to my fathers house.. My mom was still living.. for some reason mom said they were spread out in the yard and some were inside daddy's shed.. Momma said they were telling daddy all he could do with his land and making suggestions and daddy got real mad.. Momma said daddy exploded and ran them all away from the house and restricted my sister from ever bringing them back again.. My mother told me this so when daddy said to me.. Don't let em take it from you.. I know exactly what he is saying and with all the things Mrs Ogbuneke has done and how she has abandoned me no I cannot allow this to happen and all that has happened to never be heard and lost in litigation.. I wanna write it now so this can be a valid record of her treachery toward my parents as provide my story to her attorney while he is defending her and making it impossible for us to speak to each other and get pasted this.. I am not going to hold back because I have struggled to pay more than 21,000.00 in property taxes and recover from the disasters and have the obligation of the upkeep of the property solely.. I feel I should have been the personal representative as I have stayed here all these years and took care of my father before momma died and after. I should have majority share of this estate as I have contributed new roofs new HVAC and 2 roofs and remodeling of the estate form more than 21 years and there is nothing for Mrs Ogbuneke even after the probate decision still refuses to contribute to any of the property taxes and has not paid a single dollar for anything.. No I feel this is a Brady violation of my rights that can be corrected if the court will allow us to have this case retried and no Judge as attorney..

This is an unfair advantage that has long reaching powers that are unchecked and cannot be monitored.. I would like to have Mrs. Betty Ogbunke removed from Personal Representative so she does not get to impose a hardship on the investment I have made to the estate in secrete as she did when she arrived with police and personnel and my neighbors filmed her as she had a confrontation with them as well..

The plaintiff has presented the elements of the suppression of evidence and if the appeals court accepts all the mistakes the lower courts made as law the plaintiff would be unduly injured and suffer a loss of immeasurable cost. I feel that it would be a further suppression of evidence and ask if the appeals court would send the case back to the lower courts to allow the plaintiff a fair hearing.. The evidence that is in the Record on Appeal was reviewed by the Appeals Court but was never reviewed by Judge McKinnon or Judge Woodruff which constitutes negligent suppression of evidence that was impeaching to the defendant. Both hearings considering the absence of “finding of fact” and being Denied any “Oral Argument” are in violation of the “Brady law” through allowing proven suppression of evidence and constitutes a “Brady Violation” by the probate and circuit courts.. The Brady Violation exist because the state suppressed “Favorable Evidence” that was impeaching to the defense and properly proffered in the circuit court library of evidence associated with case. The Brady violation also extends to the “Suppression of the evident” again by the Court of Appeals as there is a 300 page submitted Record on Appeal that was available during the hearing with Judge McKinnon but because the judge admitted this was his first Probate Case he failed and was negligent and became party to the Brady Violation because the plaintiff complained that he was not able to testify or submit his proof and evidence in court.. Again the judge Denied the plaintiff and the plaintiff did not know at the time that Judge Corbett was a judge and had internal avenues of connection directly to the probate and circuit judges...

I feel that the a Brady Violation suspicion is supported in that the appeals court has affirmed 14 elements that prove the plaintiff did not get a fair trial and is overlooking all the issues the plaintiff has complained about regarding the suppression of evidence by the court. By doing this it help the defense and makes it

a Brady Violation as all the evidence has been properly proffered in the Circuit court and it further with the denial of oral argument effectively silences the injustice the court has done to the plaintiff whether it was intentional or due to negligence..

The plaintiff complains that his civil rights to a fair trial are in the balance and ask that the court of appeals sent the case back to the lower courts to be retried and the evidence considered including the 14 affirmed issues that are already confirmed through the Record on Appeal. The plaintiff complains that the whole proceeding would have been better served if the Appeals Court sent the case back to the lower courts and allowed the Probate Judge and Or circuit court judge to properly hear the appeal and review the evidence that was properly proffered.. Judge McKinnon in open court admitted that this was his first probate case and was very “flippid” in the way he ignored all of my reason for appealing and did not take a recess from court to review the “issues on appeal” documentation that he requested from Judge Corbett during the hearing..

The plaintiff has never trusted or liked the idea of a Judge being able to represent a client in court against a pro se litigant and using his connections to defraud the court system.. Judge Corbett is in representation of Betty Ogbunke who has stolen more than 15-20,000 in credit card fraud and nefariously had a meeting with atrium health with her son who presented himself as me to change my father from a “Full Code” to a “DNR” as she at the time was in foreclosure and could not wait for my father to pass for this litigation... When he ask the plaintiff about his reason for appeal.. The plaintiff stated “I never got a chance to testify and complained that all his evidence was never allowed to be presented in court during the probate hearing. The plaintiff contends that because Judge McKinnon stated that it was first probate appeal that he had ever heard and because at the time Judge McKinnon was being referend to as the New Judge by the office staff.. But by accepting the lower court decision without properly vetting the evidence and completing proper discovery that he has also committed a “Brady Violation” though negligence.

In the conclusion of the opinion, there are several mistakes that were affirmed by the appeals court that the court was responsible for and because of this the appeals

court is requested to order a new trial with new judges and should not affirm this discission but send this case back to the lower courts and have the mistakes corrected through proper and fair litigation.. Within this determination there is prejudice against plaintiff as he is pro se.. The plaintiff has also consulted with several legal personnel and found that the overwhelming statement and word that is being used to describe what has happed was that the plaintiff was "Railroaded" by the court. The plaintiff further contends that because the defendants lawyer is a "Honorary Judge" that he had long reaching and unfair influence through his associates and connections in the court system.

The plaintiff has spent more than 21,000.00 in taxes for the last 21 years and the defendant has paid no taxes and lives in another state where she pays taxes on her property in North Carolina.. We have been in litigation since the probate hearing for 3 years and during that time the defendant has failed to attempt to pay any taxes on the property again and has failed to help with any recovery from the National Disasters that have happened in York County as she lives in Charlotte NC. The plaintiff has reached out to the defendant many times through text and phone calls but calls are never returned and her attorney has blocked any and all communication as he is getting paid more and more for continuing the litigation and not trying to settle the claim or have any type of conference between the litigants that could have resulted in an agreement as I have so many times tried to communicate. The defendants lawyer is a Judge and it has prejudiced this case as he has connections with the other judges and it better explains why I saw Judge Corbett on the evening of the Probate Hearing leaving Judge Woodruffs chambers and they both came to court late.. The plaintiff contends that this was exparte communication. Then on appeal the plaintiff submitted the issues on appeal through the clerks office and served the defendant the issues on appeal and all the documents were properly proffered in the court filing system but Judge McKennon further suppressed all the evidence because the court does not like pro se litigants and they have tried to discredit my case and railroaded me through the entire probate hearing and appeals process.. If the Appeals Court Affirms 14 allegations from the plaintiff and only found

1 problem with the plaintiffs pleadings why did they not give the parties a chance to correct the problems and retry the case with all evidence and information addressed properly instead of upholding the lower courts in their wrongness.. The plaintiff is not a lawyer and has not been able to afford a lawyer or vacation or anything in trying to maintain this property without any help from Mrs Ogbuneke, Dr Juvarez Ogbuneke, Naastasia Ogbuneke (*innocent*), and Juvenal Ogbuneke who have not even as much as visited or called in more than 15 years or so..

In reading the Opinion I found that there were 14 points that I did right and provided uncontested proof and there was only 1 mistake that the court is saying that I made.. I would like the Court to consider what this opinion represents. I only submitted the appeal against Judge McKinnons orders but I complained about all of his orders in my briefs. The court seems to be concluding that its ok if the mistakes made by the court prejudice you as long as you as a prose litigant don't make any mistakes.

The plaintiff contends that the Appeals Court decision shows prejudice not only for any Pro Se litigant but it also shows favoritism to the defendant in that 14 of the plaintiffs complaints were affirmed and the court points out one mistake that can be fixed through sending the case back through the lower courts. The plaintiff contends that it is his belief that these mistakes that were made by Judge McKinnon was because it was his first probate case as he admitted in open court. Judge McKinnon also erred and so did Judge Woodruff but the court is not allowing these mistakes to be fixed through sending the case back to the lower court.. The plaintiff contends that through this decision it undermines that whole body of the Justice system as it represents a mis trial and has not been corrected by the court.. The plaintiff is pro se and the court is punishing him for his pro se status and has done all 14 things that have been affirmed by the appeals court.. Yet the appeals court finds against the plaintiff due to the one issue with his appeal that in whole represent the plaintiffs complaint against all of Judge McKinnons orders as he was not prepared for court for his first pro bate hearing.. He also did not review the issues on appeal documentation that was presented to him in open court which he got from the Honorable Judge Cyrus

Corbett. I would like to respond further into the “railroading” I have experienced through the Circuit Court and Probate Court of York County.

The defendant has a Judge for her lawyer.. Mr Cyrus Corbet is also a judge that is representing the defendant in this case and I feel that anyone that has to go up against a Judge that may or may not have more judge friends and associates would have a major advantage over anyone that is in litigation if they don't also have a judge to represent them.. I have seen the prejudice up front as I am a pro se litigant that was thrown into this litigation.. The probate clerks office directly misinformed me that the defendant did not have a lawyer until the day of the first probate hearing I had not seen or talked to Mrs. Ogbuneke.

There was no other reason to appeal and I feel that I did make it very clear without being able to submit Legal Language like a lawyer.. The main reason I was forced into the appeal was because of the problems with the hearing at the Probate Office where according to this opinion there were several issues that have been confirmed and affirmed by the court.. My question is if the court can see where Judge Woodruff made mistakes and that Judge McKinnon made mistakes I am asking that the court give us a chance to correct the hearing.. I have invested more than \$21,000.00 in property taxes paid directly from my own pocket and Mrs. Ogbuneke has never paid any taxes and has not been to the estate in more than 15 years.. Mrs Ogbuneke lives in North Carolina more than 40 miles.. I am sure the court may have questions regarding why I do not want Mrs. Betty Ogbuneke to be personal representative so I will try to explain what has transpired:

1. When I was 11 years old.. My sister tried to shoot me in the head with a 22 shot gun.. She missed.. The hole is still in my closet door in my bedroom.. Was made because I didn't do what she said and she took the 22 caliber shot gun that mom used for dogs in the yard and tried to shoot me in the head.. I was quick and moved but the noise completely freaked out my cousin San.. As I grew older because my parents hid what had happened I seemed to pack it away and kept growing up but I could never forget the “pop” it made when she

shot at me.. it became a dark unspoken family secret.. but her actions now make sense because I know who she is.. My cousins were at the house at the time and everyone began to run and my cousin Saundra broke the glass trying to get out of the house. There are still living witnesses that this happened to me.. she did it and has resented that she was born and lived with my mom on Boyd hill before my parents were married and I was born in the house that is the topic of this discussion after mom and dad were married but she still felt jealous and has always had spite for me.. Shortly after this incident she got involved with James B. who she stabbed several times in the truck due to a jealous rage and then went on to his job and shot her gun several times in the parking lot.. He worked at Lowenstein when it was located on Wilson st in Rock Hill SC as a truck driver.



Bullet hole in my closet door and through the back wall of the closet

2. When my mom passed from Pancreatic Cancer my sister Betty Ogbuneke could not get along with the nursing staff at the oncology center on Tryon St in Charlotte NC... Me and my dad brought mom to the center in emergency because mom kept complaining about being cold.. Me dad and mom had to meet Mrs Ogbuneke at the oncology center on Tryon in charlotte because she never stopped working to help with mom.. She worked at in the tall bank America building on the 45 floor or so for a law firm. She came and the doctors explained to us all that moms organs were beginning to shut down.. Mom didn't

know and none of us did but they transported mom to Atrium health and they went into emergency and they told us that they needed to run a procedure on my mom to try to get her pressure to come up and stabilize..

- a. But Mrs Ogbuneke felt she knew better than the nurses that were trying to work on my mom and got into a horrible argument with the staff and we all had to leave the room where they were trying to put an instrument in moms neck and the argument spilled into the hallway.. They made us leave and Mrs. Ogbuneke continued to argue even in the hall and them before mom passed.. I was never able to understand why would she argue while they were trying to save my moms life and she never apologized but that is when she really began to be a monster and stealing abusing dads credit cards the same year..
 - i. Mrs Ogbuneke took advantage of my father with opening credit cards and treating her family to Biltmore house and vacations and didn't take daddy.
 - ii. She abused the Sears, Discover Cards and several others. Using them and not doing anything to help around here and none to help pay any taxes or help with repairs. But to help with her nightclub the jazz café and Z trucking at the time.
3. Daddy was sick.. it was during covid.. my sister refused to go see daddy and her and her son Dr Juvarez Ogbuneke got on a three way phone call to the hospital and had a meeting with the administration without me.
 - a. My father had a dual Healthcare power of attorney that was prepared by Bruce Poore in Rock hill sc. I can remember at the time Mrs Ogbuneke was very upset because my father decided not to allow her to be the sole power of attorney and she threatened to refuse to share the responsibility and wanted full control but my father said no.
 - b. Mrs Obuneke and Dr Juvarez Ogbuneke got on a three way call with Atrium and he fraudulently represented me on the phone and they changed my fathers hospital code from a Full Code to a DNR.. Mrs

Ogbuneke and her son did this and I was not able to forgive her or him for that one.. It was the worst thing she had done and then to not come see daddy during his hard transition.. She had the hospital to change my fathers codes so I could not get any information but I did have the power of attorney paperwork that I used to be able to see what was happening..

- c. Then the night came that I got the call that daddy was dying.. They said I better come right then if I wanted to see daddy.. So I left right away heading to charlotte and was there at the front desk waiting.. They had set it up where only his kids would be allowed in the room as he had already passed.. But again there was confusion.. Mrs. Ogbuneke did not want to pray with me over my fathers body and left the room to try to convince the staff to allow her husband and children in but they said no.. There was only 2 people allowed in at a time and I was first so she was the second.. We did pray but I cant help but remember there was always confusion and she didn't want to pray over my dad with me after all the struggle we had while he was in the nursing home.
4. So we were planning the funeral.. we were supposed to have a life insurance policy that was kept to be used to bury my father.. I had not seen the policy because Mrs. Ogbuneke had taken all the paperwork from the house when Mom died and before I could get over the loss.. She came went to Greene Funeral Home in secret and instructed Mr. Waters not to speak to me regarding the funeral and made all the arrangements without me.. I had arrangements to pay my part but she doubled back unknowing to me and went to Greenes and paid my part of the funeral expense to take away my right to have a say in the write up or any planning for the funeral.. It was awful to find out how she did it but because I didn't trust her after her and my nephew killed daddy I recorded the interactions with Green Funeral home and conversations when Mr. Waters told me what had happened.. He said he didn't have any control because she had paid.. She was making trips and never call or say

anything to me but did everything in secret and never ever offered any explanation for her actions. I have the audio recordings of everything and what was said and done to prove and support my reasoning for not wanting her to be the personal representative as she would do it again and make all kind of unexpected harassing things happen and would try to destroy all that I have done for the last 21 years that I have been living here.

I don't believe that after all that has transpired that Judge Woodruff or Judge McKinnon would handle the case the same way and that I would be able to get a much more fair hearing now that my record on appeal is available for them to review.. In the hearing with Judge Woodruff she did not allow me to testify or present any of my evidence. I saw the Judge Corbett entering her office before the hearing but did not recognize him at that time because it was the first time I saw him.. Both Mr. Corbett and Judge Woodruff were late at the hearing and entered the court room at the same time.. I didn't know at that time about issues with Exparte communication and things that would go wrong. I had been led to believe that I should bring all of my evidence and proof to the probate hearing and that Mrs Ogbuneke did not have a lawyer according to the probate secretary.. But all of it was untrue.. As I found out, I was never able to testify or present any of my evidence.. This is what led to the first appeal.. I submitted the evidence immediately to the Circuit Court on Congress Street and it was properly proffered by Mrs. Donna Yarborough.. As the appeal matured we came to court and Judge McKinnon had not reviewed any of the evidence that is the same evidence that is in the Record on Appeal and on file at the Circuit court to this day. I believe if he had been able to see the evidence he would not have treated my case so flippid and not consider the issues that were being inherited.. He explained that he was going to take the lower courts decision and didn't allow me again to submit my evidence or discuss any of my evidence again..

I received the Order from the appeals court and would like to submit additional background on the 14 issues that they pointed out.. They left out that the whole reason for my appeal was based on the judges decision but they have left out that the

issues on appeal document was submitted to the online filing system prior to the court date and was also handed to Judge McKinnon from Judge Corbett in live court.. So below I would like to make further comments on the opinion I have received so the court can review.

PER CURIAM: Joe L. Adams, Jr., appeals the circuit court's dismissal of his appeal from a probate court order which directed a verdict in favor of Betty Ogbuneke, the personal representative of the Estate of Joe L. Adams, Sr., on Adams's application for restraint and performance of the personal representative.

Adams raised fourteen issues on appeal. He argues

(1) the circuit and probate courts erred in failing to make complete findings of fact in violation of Rule 52(a) of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure.

- a. The plaintiff saw judge Corbett going into judge Woodruffs office prior to the hearing at the probate court.. Plaintiff contends this was exparte communication and they are railroading the plaintiff because he is pro se but its still wrong regardless for a defense attorney to meet with the judge prior to the case alone. I believe that is why judge Woodruff treated the plaintiff that way in court and I also believe if this case was sent back through the courts that this would not happen again and that the case would be given it due diligence instead of all the "Brady Violations" of suppression of evidence because it incriminates and presents imperial evidence of the unworthiness of Mrs Betty Ogbuneke as personal representative for my father.. she has been steeling from the estate for years and should not be allowed to take over after not paying any taxes for all these 21 years.. The plaintiff has paid more than 21,000.00 in property taxes not including the cost of new roofs for both houses and estate maintenance that Mrs Ogbuneke nor any member of her family have contributed one dime.

(2) the circuit court erred in failing to make "additional" findings of fact after Adams told the circuit court he did not have the opportunity to testify before the probate court.

- a. The plaintiff contends that this is one of the problems he has with this opinion.. The plaintiff feels that this is a correctable error by the court and that if the appeals court was to assign different judges to the case none of these problems with lack of due diligence or the flippid attitude of the plaintiffs rights will not be on the forefront to dilute, overshadow, and misrepresent the case on paper..

(3) the circuit court erred when it failed to remove Ogbunke as personal representative of the estate or assign co-personal representative rights to Adams when Ogbunke allegedly "misrepresented" and "falsified" information on her personal representative application.

- a. This is another example of Judge Woodruff accepting falsification of information without penalty.. She was accepting of all of Mrs Ogbunkes mistakes and ignored the credit card fraud as well as the refusal to pay any property taxes. And to later cater the order based on evidence that was in court but never allowed into the trial for proper review.. she could have easily allowed the plaintiff and the defendant time to review the evidence but didn't.. I feel there is more nefarious activity that was wanton because they knew that the plaintiff was pro se and was had never dealt with any probate issues.. But I feel Judge Woodruff may have been paid off or there may have been some type of agreement that was made prior to the case on that day when I saw Judge Corbet going in her chambers.. I didn't know it was her chambers during the hearing but found out later during a visit to the courthouse and saw it was her chambers but it was after the case.

(4) the circuit court erred by failing to consider allegations of credit card fraud and credit reports related to Ogbunke

- a. Plaintiff contends that the issues of credit card fraud would have been enough to prevent Mrs Ogbunke from being able to be Personal Representative.. The plaintiff ask that the court supena all of the bank records for Joe Adams in their entirety as Mrs. Ogbunke changed his

account and moved all of my fathers money into an account with her name on it.. Prior to that all of our names were on the account and I could see.. but after she moved or stole it all and put it in an account of hers I can remember hearing that she was using the money to pay her employees at Karolina Kare which is the nursing agency she started using money from my fathers savings from my mothers death..

(5) the probate court erred by failing to allow Adams to present evidence in violation of Rules 19, 50 and 52 of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure.

- b. The plaintiff contends that this is also a reversible mistake that can be easily corrected if the appeals court will allow the lower courts to hear this case again and this time with a new probate judge and a new Circuit court judge.. I feel that these judges may have resentment for my disagreement and feel I am unworthy to complain because I am a pro se litigant.. My argument is if all my money and savings have been used to support the estate and pay taxes then why am I being persecuted for not wanting someone that has paid nothing or did no work to come in and take over..
- c. Plaintiff contends that due to his contribution that he should be awarded majority share and full control over the estate as since the onset of the probate hearing till today the defendant has still refused to contribute to any payment of any property taxes but continues to ride pass the house and spy but never stop and say hello even after my repeated invitations.. She does not stop because her obligations to the estate and lack of support present a guilty conscious and she is trying to use a Lawyer that is a judge to represent her to capitalize on his connections and influence as a Judge and not just a lawyer..

(6) the circuit court erred by failing to award Adams co-personal representative rights when Ogbunike failed to file certain documents related to the estate.

- a. This is vague and should be made more clear.. She didn't file documents that were requested by the court and did not notify me of anything.. She

was given more and more leniency by Judge Woodruff after she met with Judge Corbett before the hearing.. It was intentional to guarantee that she became the personal representative even after refusing to fight for my fathers life after the died from Bed Sores that she even refused to come to the hospital to see.. I opened a abuse case for my father and ask for her help but she became more unresponsive as it seems to me that after going so far as to have your son to act like me and have a meeting with Atrium to defraud and violate the then active “dual power of attorney” that she was intending and hoping for my fathers quick death expecting a windfall of property that she could use for leans and other loans not telling me against all that I have kept and repaired and paid for all these long 21 years that I have been investing in the property through money and sweat equity..

- b. We never got that far as to even discuss Co personal representative rights in circuit court.. the judge was hasty and rushed the plaintiff to answer questions when he had all the reasons for appeal in his had that were handed to him in open court.

(7)the circuit court erred when it failed to grant Adams relief for harassment he experienced from Ogbuneke after the probate court hearing.

- a. It seems that the Judge liked that idea of me being harassed and it seems that the court system does not like anyone that is trying to do anything York county as a pro se litigant.. It is a very prejudicial city when it comes to your rights and they will railroad you and ignore your pleadings as proven in this case.. I feel that just like the attorneys from the Bar Association have repeated more than once to me is that I am being “railroaded” because I am a pro se litigant.. but I don’t have the money to pay taxes and all the associated bills and maintain the structures and cut the grass and maintenance upkeep on one income.. While Mrs Ogbuneke has several sources of income from her husband and night clubs she owns, transportation company, and nursing company and still refuses to pay any taxes or provide any relief of burden to the maintenance of the estate.. I feel that I should have

majority share and that this case should be sent back to the lower courts with new Probate Judge and New Circuit Court Judge.. I feel that she should not be able to be represented by a judge lawyer like Judge Corbett who is also a sitting judge in the same county.

(8) the circuit court erred by failing to make findings of fact based on Adams's assertion that he was not allowed to testify at the probate court hearing.

- a. This is where the plaintiff feels that the Brady Violation was inherited and further committed by the circuit court.. The whole proceeding was extremely confusing and because the plaintiff was pro se the negligence was accepted and overlooked unfairly.. The plaintiff feels his rights are violated and ask for the appeals court to have this case retried with all the evidence that has been submitted reviewed and reheard..

(9) the probate court erred when it directed a verdict in favor of Ogbuneke because Adams was not provided an opportunity to testify, submit evidence, or present a closing argument.

- a. The plaintiff contends that this was due to this court not being a court of record.. I tried to ask the judge for a chance to submit the evidence.. I had brought all the evidence I had to the hearing in a box on the desk where I was sitting.. Judge Corbet at the time sat in the plaintiffs seat during the hearing. It was frustrating and awful but when I told the judge of the behavior of Mrs Ogbuneke following her order she quickly ordered all the behavior to stop.

(10) the circuit court erred by failing to make findings of fact based on Adams's assertion that the probate court refused to allow Adams to submit evidence.

- a. This is where the plaintiff asserts is a Brady Violation. As the evidence was properly proffered the judge still did not review the case prior to the hearing

and because it was his first probate hearing as he said in open court I fell the judge accepted the lower court because he didn't know what else to do and accepting presented an easy way out.. I don't know for sure why but it was negligence I do know and it suppressed the evidence that was in control of the state and constitutes a Brady Violation and undermined the integrity of the court and provided a advantage to the defendant as the evidence was not in her favor toward the case.

(11) the circuit court erred by failing to "review the case and see all the evidence,"

- a. The Circuit court was given the issues on appeal.. The document was filed and was available days prior to the case hearing as well as given to the judge during the hearing by Judge Corbett.. But yet the appeals court is saying that I did not submit reasons for appeal even though when Judge McKinnon ask me to give him one appealable reason I said because I didn't get a chance to testify or submit my evidenced.. He acted like I didn't say a word and continued.. Now the Appeals court is saying that I didn't directly state that I was in appeal of his order but this whole appeal was submitted for the orders that he gave which were not numerous to be confusing but there was only one with a sub statement and that is what all of the appeal was submitted to appeal.

(12) the circuit court erred by accepting Ogbuneke's "explanations" regarding what occurred at the probate court hearing.

- a. They did not believe a word I said so this time I am providing proof of my accusations and if there is any question about the credit card fraud and others the Record on Appeal is more than 300 pages full of supporting evidence.

(13) the circuit court erred because it was unfamiliar with the process for appealing a probate court's decision and with the specific documentation related to Adam's appeal.

- a. Judge Mckinnon was referred to as the New Judge by his clerks office and he admitted he had never heard a probate case and I feel that was the motivation to accept the lower court decision because he didn't know what or how to do what should have been done to insure the lower court was not in fault.. He assumed there was no violation and did not allow the evidence or discovery and through this because all the evidence was in the custody of the state at the time he violated the Brady law.. All the evidence was there to support the plaintiff and by suppressing it the court was able to allow the lower court ruling because none of the evidence of the credit card fraud and others would be seen..

(14) the circuit court erred by not investigating Adams's claims and not making findings of fact related to his claims.

- a. By the circuit court not investigating at least prior to the order they allowed Judge Corbett to write the order as I remember.. The whole thing I feel was influenced by Judge Corbet's status and influence.

*We affirm, pursuant to Rule 220(b),
SCACR.*

The circuit court dismissed Adams's appeal from the probate court, finding he failed to (1) file a statement of issues on appeal as required by section 62-1-308(b) of the South Carolina Code (2022) and (2) state a claim based on an appealable issue.

- a. This is untrue there was a document statement of the issues on appeal in the custody of the state properly proffered and appeared online but the Judge never reviewed the case before the trial and didn't review the hard copy of the issues on appeal handed to him in open court..
- b. The appealable issue was suppression of evidence as I stated in open court.. Not being allowed to testify and submit evidence of at your hearing is

suppression of evidence and that is what my whole appeal and reasons are based on.

On appeal to this court, Adams has not challenged the circuit court's dismissal of his appeal on the basis that he failed to comply with section 62-1-308(b). Because Adams does not appeal this finding, it is the law of the case, and we affirm.

- a. Through all the affirmed instances that the court has named that were affirmed it is obvious that the appeal is solely submitted to challenge the judges ruling.. The plaintiff feels that the appeals court may be unknowingly taking part in the suppression of evidence due to the fact that all the case laws that hey have compared and tried to use to substantiate the Opinion are based on cases that are not Probate cases.. And further none of the case law involves pro se litigants.. To compare this case to a case involving industry and high paid attorneys on both side I an see having a rule that is expecting excellence. But in this case the court has found that there was wrong on both sides with the court having more wrong doing mistakes and negligence than the plaintiff. The plaintiff contends this is an unfair comparison and ask that the court send this case back to the lower courts to be heard again with all the Record on Appeal and other documented proof that is properly proffered in the custody of the court.. All the documentation can be seen on the court website and had been there prior to the hearing..

See Dreher v. S.C. Dep't of Health & Env't Control, 412 S.C. 244, 250, 772 S.E.2d 505, 508 (2015) ("[S]hould the appealing party fail to raise all of the grounds upon which a lower court's decision was based, those unappealed findings—whether correct or not—become the law of the case.");

- a. This case law is an unfair comparison of the cases as it is not a probate case and the elements of the case that provided the basis of this law are not applicable in a probate case that is allowing a Judge to be a lawyer for a

defendant.. This is not an applicable comparison and I feel it is unfair to compare this case to a different case altogether.

Shirley's Iron Works, Inc. v. City of Union, 403 S.C. 560, 573, 743 S.E.2d 778, 785 (2013) ("An unappealed ruling is the law of the case and requires affirmance."); Rule 220(c), SCACR ("The appellate court may affirm any ruling, order, decision or judgment upon any ground(s) appearing in the [r]ecord on [a]ppeal.").

- a. This is also an unfair comparison as this case is not a probate case and there are different laws for probate.. The case is also an unfair comparison because there is no pro se litigant or lawyer that is a judge.. There is no exparte communication noted and the case is unfairly referenced as a basis to support affirming any ruling, order, decision or judgement upon any grounds appearing in the record on appeal.. If the Court of Appeals affirms that there is wrong doing than why allow the guilty to win.. How can the court make more mistakes and be more at fault and negligent than the litigant and the litigant has to accept bad judgements based on wrongness and negligence. I feel that if the court had not done so many wrong things even from the start I would have been able to accept the ruling but I had all my receipts and proof and they just refused.. This is why I feel that by the defendants attorney being a Judge that it is unfair to me as it surely feels to me that this is done because he has influence by being a sitting judge.

AFFIRMED.1

WILLIAMS, C.J., and VINSON and CURTIS, JJ., concur.

CONCLUSION

I am submitting this Petition for Rehearing En Banc to this court requesting review of this case in consideration of sending back through the lower courts so the courts can properly try this case with the correct due diligence and integrity.. This

case was very unfair and I was "Railroaded" and now doing my absolute best to show the reasoning behind the appeal and show to the court that I did submit a issues on appeal document to the court and it was handed to Judge McKennon by Judge Corbet. I am asking that because the problems that the court introduced outweigh the error the court is saying that I made the case I hope will be sent back through the lower courts with a new probate judge and a new Circuit Court Judge so we can have the case tried on the basis of fact and supporting evidence.. I am pleading that the appeals court will consider this and overturn the order to have it tried again or overturn the order allowing me to be the rightful personal representative especially in light of the \$21,000.00 I have paid in property taxes over the last 21 years not including anything but taxes compared to Mrs Ogbuneke who has not paid any taxes at all.. I feel that I have been unfairly disadvantaged by going to court with a Judge/lawyer and ask the court to consider all these issues can be corrected.. I am also submitting a copy of the Dual Healthcare Power of Attorney paperwork.. I feel that my father was in Good Sound mind when he signed this and if he chose to put Mrs. Ogbuneke in charge he could have but by then he did not trust her..

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe L. Adams Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Joe L. Adams Jr. 11/19/2025

**DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY
OF
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**DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY
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Introductory Provision. I, Joe L. Adams, Sr., hereby appoint Betty L. Ogbuneke and Joe L. Adams, Jr. to serve as my Agents, each of whom are individually referred to herein as my "Agent", to exercise alone or jointly the powers and discretions set forth below.

Statement of Intent to Create Durable Power of Attorney Under State Statute. By this instrument I intend to create a Durable Power of Attorney under South Carolina law.

ARTICLE I

AGENT AUTHORIZATION

All persons named as Agents or Alternate Agents herein, who have succeeded to the office of Agent, are granted the powers and discretions described in the following provisions.

(1) **Revocation, Removal, Amendment and Resignation.** This instrument may be amended or revoked by me (and my Agent and any Alternate Agent may be removed by me) at any time by the execution by me of a written instrument of revocation, amendment, or removal delivered to my Agent and to all Alternate Agents.

(2) **Alternate Agent.** Any party dealing with any person named as Alternate Agent hereunder may rely on as conclusively correct an affidavit or certificate of such Alternate Agent that those persons named as prior Agents are no longer serving.

ARTICLE II

PROPERTY AND FINANCIAL

My Agent is authorized as follows:

(1) **Power to Sell.** My Agent is authorized to sell any and every kind of property that I may own now or in the future, real, personal, intangible and/or mixed, on



such terms and conditions and security as my Agent shall deem appropriate and to grant options with respect to sales thereof.

(2) **Power to Buy.** My Agent is authorized to buy every kind of property, real, personal, intangible and/or mixed, on such terms and conditions as my Agent shall deem appropriate.

(3) **Power to Invest.** My Agent is authorized to invest and reinvest all or any part of my property or interests in property, including undivided interests in property, real, personal, intangible and/or mixed, wherever located.

(4) **Power to Manage Real Property.** With respect to real property, including but not limited to any real property I may hereafter acquire or receive and my personal residence, my Agent is authorized to lease, sublease, release; to eject and remove tenants or other persons. My Agent is authorized to mortgage and/or convey by deed of trust or otherwise encumber any real property now or hereafter owned by me, whether acquired by me or for me by my Agent.

(5) **Power to Exercise Rights in Securities.** My Agent is authorized to exercise all rights with respect to corporate securities which I now own or may hereafter acquire.

(6) **Power to Demand and Receive.** My Agent is authorized to demand, arbitrate, settle, sue for, collect, receive, deposit, expend for my benefit, reinvest or make such other appropriate disposition of as my Agent deems appropriate, all cash, rights to the payment of cash, property, real, personal, intangible and/or mixed, debts, dues rights, accounts, legacies, bequests, devises, dividends, annuities, rights and/or benefits to which I am now or may in the future become entitled.

(7) **Power with Respect to Bank Accounts.** My Agent is authorized to establish accounts of all kinds, including checking and savings, for me with financial institutions of any kinds, including but not limited to banks and thrift institutions; to make deposits to and write checks on or make withdrawals from and grant security interests in all accounts in my name or with respect to which I am an authorized signatory, to negotiate, endorse or transfer any checks or other instruments with respect to any such accounts; to contract for any services rendered by any bank or financial institution.

(8) **Power with Respect to Legal and Other Actions.** My Agent is authorized to institute, supervise, prosecute, defend, intervene in, abandon, compromise, arbitrate, settle, dismiss, and appeal from any and all legal, equitable, judicial or administrative hearings, actions, suits, proceedings, attachments, arrests or distresses, involving me in any way.

(9) **Power to Borrow Money.** My Agent is authorized to borrow money from any lender for my account on such terms and conditions and security as my Agent

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shall deem appropriate; to borrow money on any life insurance policies owned by me on my life.

(10) **Power with Respect to Taxes.** My Agent is authorized to represent me in all tax matters; to prepare, sign, and file federal, state, and/or local income, gift and other tax returns of all kinds, and any power of attorney form appointing an agent required by the Internal Revenue Service and/or any state and/or local taxing authority.

ARTICLE III

HEALTH CARE

My Agent is authorized in my Agent's sole and absolute discretion from time to time and at any time to exercise the authority described below relating to matters involving my health and medical care.

(1) **Medical Records.** My Agent is authorized to request, receive and review any information, verbal or written, regarding my personal affairs or my physical or mental health, including medical and hospital records, and to execute any releases or other documents that may be required to obtain such information, and to disclose or deny such information to such persons, organizations, firms or corporations as my Agent shall deem appropriate

(2) **Power to Give, Withhold, or Withdraw Consent to Health Care Treatment.** My Agent is authorized to give, withhold, withdraw or modify consent to any health care procedures, tests or treatments, including surgery; to arrange for my hospitalization, convalescent care, hospice or home care; to summon paramedics or other emergency medical personnel and seek emergency treatment for me, as my Agent shall deem appropriate; to give, withhold, withdraw or modify consent to such procedures, tests and treatments, as well as hospitalization, convalescent care, hospice or home care which I or my Agent may have previously allowed or consented to or which may have been implied due to emergency conditions. My Agent's decisions should be guided by taking into account (1) the provisions of this instrument, (2) any reliable evidence of preferences that I may have expressed on the subject whether before or after the execution of this document, (3) what my Agent believes I would want done in the circumstances if I were able to express myself, and (4) any information given to my Agent by the physicians treating me as to my health care diagnosis and prognosis and the intrusiveness, pain, risks, and side effects of the treatment.

(3) **Psychiatric Treatment.** My Agent is authorized to arrange, on the execution of a certificate by two independent psychiatrists who have examined me and in whose opinions I am in immediate need of hospitalization because of mental disorder, alcoholism or drug abuse, for my voluntary admission to an appropriate hospital or institution for treatment of the diagnosed problem or disorder; to arrange for private psychiatric and psychological treatment for me; and to revoke, modify, withdraw

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or change consent to such hospitalization, institutionalization or private treatment which I or my Agent may have previously given. The consent of my Agent to my hospitalization for psychiatric help, alcoholism or drug abuse shall have the same legal effect, subject to applicable local law, as a voluntary admission made by me.

ARTICLE IV

INCIDENTAL POWERS

Incidental Powers. In connection with the exercise of the powers herein described, my Agent is fully authorized and empowered to perform any acts and things and to execute and deliver any documents, instruments, certificates and papers necessary or appropriate to such exercise or exercises.

ARTICLE V

THIRD PARTY RELIANCE

For the purpose of inducing all persons, organizations, corporations and entities, including but not limited to any physician, hospital, nursing home, health care provider, bank, broker, custodian, insurer, lender, transfer agent, taxing authority, governmental agency, or other party, all of whom will be referred to in this Article as a "Person", to act in accordance with the instructions of my Agent as authorized in this instrument, I hereby represent, warrant and agree to the following:

(1) **Revocation and Amendments.** If this instrument is revoked or amended for any reason, I, my estate and my personal representative will hold any person, organization, corporation or entity, hereinafter referred to in the aggregate as "Person", harmless.

(2) **No Liability for Reliance on Agent.** No Person who relies in good faith on the authority of my Agent under this instrument shall incur any liability to me, my estate or my personal representative.

(3) **Principal and Heirs Bound.** No Person who relies on any affidavit or certificate under penalty of perjury that this instrument specifically authorizes my Agent to execute and deliver shall incur any liability to me, my estate or my personal representative.



ARTICLE VI

DURABILITY PROVISION

Immediate Power. This power of attorney shall not be affected by my subsequent disability or incapacity, or lapse of time.

ARTICLE VII

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

The following provisions shall apply:

(1) **Reimbursement of Agent.** My Agent shall be entitled to reimbursement for all reasonable costs and expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, actually incurred and paid by my Agent on my behalf at any time under any provision of this instrument. My Agent shall not be entitled to compensation for services rendered hereunder.

(2) **Counterpart Originals.** If this instrument has been executed in multiple counterpart originals, each such counterpart original shall have equal force and effect.

(3) **Photocopies.** My Agent is authorized to make photocopies of this instrument as frequently and in such quantity as my Agent shall deem appropriate. Each photocopy shall have the same force and effect as any original.

(4) **Binding Effect.** This instrument and actions taken by my Agent properly authorized hereunder shall be binding on me, my estate and my personal representative.

(5) **Governing Law.** This instrument shall be governed by the laws of the State of South Carolina in all respects.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have executed this Power of Attorney this ____ day of January, 2008, and I have directed that photographic copies of this power be made which shall have the same force and effect as an original.

Joe L. Adams Sr.

JOE L. ADAMS, SR., PRINCIPAL

ATTESTATION

The foregoing Durable Power of Attorney was this 29 day of January, 2008, signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Principal as and for the Principal's Durable Power of Attorney in our presence, and at the Principal's request and in the Principal's presence, and in the presence of each other, have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses on the above date.

[Signature] of Rock Hill SC
Stephanie Beangrad of Rock Hill SC

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
COUNTY OF YORK) PROBATE

PERSONALLY appeared the undersigned witness and made oath that he saw the within named Principal duly authorized, sign, seal and as the Principal's act and deed deliver the within Durable Power of Attorney and that deponent with the other witness whose name is subscribed above witnessed the execution thereof.

Stephanie Beangrad

SWORN to before me this
29 day of January, 2008.

[Signature]
Notary Public for South Carolina
My Commission expires: 3-30-9