

O Stanley Smith, III et al
PLAINTIFF(S)

City Of Columbia
DEFENDANT(S)

DISPOSITION TYPE (CHECK ONE)

- JURY VERDICT.** This action came before the court for a trial by jury. The issues have been tried and a verdict rendered.
- DECISION BY THE COURT.** This action came to trial or hearing before the court. The issues have been tried or heard and a decision rendered.
- ACTION DISMISSED (*CHECK REASON*):** Rule 12(b), SCRPC; Rule 41(a), SCRPC (Vol. Nonsuit); Rule 43(k), SCRPC (Settled);
 Other
- ACTION STRICKEN (*CHECK REASON*):** Rule 40(j), SCRPC; Bankruptcy;
 Binding arbitration, subject to right to restore to confirm, vacate or modify arbitration award;
 Other
- STAYED DUE TO BANKRUPTCY**
- DISPOSITION OF APPEAL TO THE CIRCUIT COURT (*CHECK APPLICABLE BOX*):**
 Affirmed; Reversed; Remanded;
 Other

NOTE: ATTORNEYS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR NOTIFYING LOWER COURT, TRIBUNAL, OR ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY OF THE CIRCUIT COURT RULING IN THIS APPEAL.

IT IS ORDERED AND ADJUDGED: See attached order (formal order to follow) Statement of Judgment by the Court:


This matter was before the Court on Thursday, November 6, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. Richard A. Harpootlian, Andrew R. Hand, and Tobias G. Ward, Jr. were present on behalf of the Plaintiffs. Kevin A. Hall and W. Mike Hemlepp, Jr. were present on behalf of the Defendant. The Court heard arguments from both sides. After consideration of the record, arguments made, and the applicable law, the Court has taken judicial notice of the certified public tax-assessor records under Rule 201, SCRE, and Rule 44(a)(1), SCRPC. Further, the Court is electing to defer ruling on Plaintiffs' Application for Litigation Expenses.

ORDER INFORMATION

This order ends does not end the case. See Page 2 for additional information.

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This judgment was electronically entered by the Clerk of Court as reflected on the Electronic Time Stamp, and a copy mailed first class to any party not proceeding in the Electronic Filing System on 11/14/2025 .



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So Ordered

s/ R.E. Hood #2164