

# The South Carolina Court of Appeals

Jefferson Davis, Jr., Appellant,

v.

Chad Connelly, Dave Wilson, Steven Kirkland, Tom Persons, Neil Mellen, E3 Software, LLC, Endurance International Group Holdings, Inc., John Doe #1, John Doe #2, and John Does 3-40, Respondents,

AND

Jefferson Davis, Jr., Appellant,

v.

Chad Connelly, Tom Persons, Geoffrey Chambers, Esq., and South Carolina Educational Credit for Exceptional Needs Children Fund, Respondents.

Appellate Case No. 2024-002049

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## ORDER

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On December 2, 2024, Appellant filed a notice of appeal of the circuit court's November 25, 2024 contempt order. On July 31, 2025, Appellant moved for an extension of time until November 17, 2025, to serve and file his initial brief and designation of matter because of medical issues. Respondents Chad Connelly, Dave Wilson, Tom Persons, and Neil Mellen opposed the extension request. Appellant did not file a reply. After careful consideration, we grant the motion for an extension of time. Appellant's initial brief and designation of matter are due within ten days of the date of this order.

On September 9, 2025, Appellant filed a motion to vacate the circuit court's order and dismiss the appeal, contending the circuit court had now acknowledged

Appellant's medical condition and thus his inability to pay the fees he was in contempt for failing to pay was shown not to be willful. Respondents Chad Connelly, Dave Wilson, Tom Persons, and Neil Mellen opposed the motion, arguing it was not proper to request this court rule on the merits of the appeal at this stage. Appellant filed a reply, clarifying he did not intend to withdraw the appeal or seek dismissal without vacatur. After careful consideration, we deny Appellant's motion to vacate the circuit court's November 25, 2025 order and dismiss the appeal.

  
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FOR THE COURT

J.

Columbia, South Carolina

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