

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In the Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM CHARLESTON COUNTY
Court of Common Pleas for the Ninth Circuit

The Honorable Mikell Scarborough, Master in Equity

Case Number: 2016-CP-10-06265

Appellate Case No.: 2022-000078

Tony A. Billips, individually and as a derivative shareholder of Alex's Restaurants' Inc.,
.....PLAINTIFF/RESPONDENT,

vs.

Caroline A. Billips, individually and as Trustee for the benefit of Anthony Billips, William
Casey Ivey, and Alex Billips, and as controlling person of Alex's Restaurants, Inc., and Alex's
Restaurants, Inc.,DEFENDANTS/PETITIONERS.

PLAINTIFF/RESPONDENT'S MOTION FOR COSTS ON APPEAL

WHEREAS, undersigned counsel of Query Sautter and Uricchio, LLC represented Plaintiff/Respondent Tony Billips, individually and as derivative shareholder of Alex's Restaurants' Inc., in the court of common pleas before the Master in Equity, as attorney for Respondent in Appellant/Defendant's appeal to the South Carolina Court of Appeals, and as Respondent in proceedings on the Petition for Writ of Certiorari filed by Petitioner, Caroline A. Billips, individually and as Trustee for the benefit of Anthony Billips, William Casey Ivey, and Alex Billips, and as controlling person of Alex's Restaurants, Inc., and Alex's Restaurants, Inc.

WHEREAS counsel Affiant would further swear and affirm that Plaintiff is the prevailing party pursuant to the Master's Orders of this Court of November 22, 2021 and the amended order December 2, 2021, that were favorable to Plaintiff/Respondent. Said Order(s)

were **AFFIRMED** by the South Carolina Court of Appeals in Unpublished Opinion No.: 2025-UP-104, filed March 26, 2025. Defendant-Appellant's Petition for Rehearing in the Court of Appeals was **DENIED** on May 22, 2025.

WHEREAS Defendant Petitioner filed in the South Carolina Supreme Court a petition for writ of certiorari, which was **DENIED** by Order of the South Carolina Supreme Court on November 18, 2025. On November 18, 2025, the South Carolina Court Appeals remitted the above captioned action to the Court of Common Pleas.

Respondent Tony A. Billips requests costs on appeal pursuant to Rule 222, SCACR in the total amount of \$ 3,781.35 as set forth on the attached itemized statement of costs.

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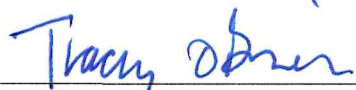
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PROOF OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I served a copy of Plaintiff/Respondent's Motion for Costs on Appeal and the Itemized Statement of Costs on Appeal upon Jaan Rannik, attorney for the Defendants/Petitioners, via email and by placing a copy in the US mail.

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Dear Madam Clerk:

Enclosed herewith for filing, please find Plaintiff/Respondent's Motion for Costs on Appeal, Itemized Statement of Costs on Appeal and Proof of Service of same. By copy of this letter with enclosures I am serving Jaan Rannik, attorney for Defendants/Appellants.

Thank you for your assistance. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Sincerely,

/s Tracey O'Brien

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Enclosures

cc: Jaan Rannik, Esquire (via email & US Mail)

