



THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In The Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM LANCASTER COUNTY
Court of Common Pleas

Eugene C. Griffith, Jr., Circuit Court Judge

Appellate Case No. 2025-002538

MTS CLT, LLC,Appellant,

v.

Jane M. Pettus, Trustee of the Joseph A. Pettus
and Jane M. Pettus Revocable Living Trust
u/i/d April 12, 2005, and Rob Bilbro, Respondents.

APPELLANT’S NOTICE OF ORDERING TRANSCRIPT

Appellant MTS CLT, LLC (“Appellant”) submits this notice in accordance with Rule 207 informing the Clerk of the Court of Appeals that it has ordered transcripts of hearings applicable to this appeal. Appellant has ordered and is awaiting receipt of the following transcripts: (1) the transcript of the hearing on the first summary judgment motion of Respondent Jane M. Pettus, Trustee of the Joseph A. Pettus and Jane M. Pettus Revocable Living Trust U/I/D April 12, 2005 (“Respondent Pettus”), heard on June 26, 2024; and (2) the transcript of the hearing on Respondents’ joint motion for protective order and Appellant’s motion to compel, heard on August 27, 2024. Copies of Appellant’s correspondence with the court reporter ordering these transcripts are attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and **Exhibit B**.

Additionally, prior to filing the notice of this appeal, Appellant ordered the

transcript of the hearing on Respondents' summary judgment motions, heard on September 23, 2025. Copies of Appellant's correspondence with the court reporter ordering this transcript are attached hereto as **Exhibit C**.

Appellant will supplement this notice with additional correspondences with the court reporter, as such correspondences arise.

December 29, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ J. Kemper Patton
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Entity: Law Firm Brooks Pierce McLendon Humphrey & Leonard, LLP
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Email: kpatton@brookspierce.com
Address: 150 Fayetteville Street, Suite 1700 Raleigh, NC 27601
Is the requester a party on the case? No
Does the requester represent a party? Yes MTS CLT, LLC

Transcript Information:

Docket Number: 2023CP2901534
Court Type: Circuit
County: Lancaster
Case Caption: Mts Clt, Llc vs Pettus, Jane M.
Appeal Pending? Court of Appeals

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Start Date of Proceeding: 6/26/2024

End Date of Proceeding: 8/27/2024

Presiding Judge: Gibbons, Brian M.

Court reporter daily assignments:

6/26/2024 (Wednesday): DiScioscia, Maria

8/27/2024 (Tuesday): Richardson, Kay H.

Opposing Counsel and/or other parties information:

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(Plaintiff Attorney) James Kemper Patton

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(Attorney) Lawrence M. Hershon

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Next hearing date: *Date not entered*

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Phone Number: (919) 882-2518

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Death Penalty? No

Start Date of Proceeding: 8/27/2024

End Date of Proceeding: 8/27/2024

Presiding Judge: Gibbons, Brian M.

Court reporter daily assignments:

08/27/2024: Richardson, Kay H.

Opposing Counsel and/or other parties information:

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**Cc:** Transcripts  
**Subject:** RE: Mts Clt, Llc vs Pettus, Jane M. - 2023CP2901534 - DOH August 27, 2024

Ms. Richardson,

Thank you for reaching out. Yes, please proceed accordingly.

Best regards,

[Kemper Patton](#)



t: 919.882.2518

150 Fayetteville Street, Suite 1700  
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Kay H. Richardson  
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Court reporter daily assignments:

9/23/2025 (Tuesday): DiScioscia, Maria

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Subject: Re: Transcript Request for Docket Number 2023CP2901534
Attachments: Mts Clt Llc v Jane Pettus 09232025.pdf; Mtl Clt Llc v Jane Pettus Invoice 09232025.pdf

Good afternoon Mr. Kemper,

Please see the attached requested transcript and invoice. Let me know if there is anything else I can assist you with. Have a Happy Thanksgiving.

Sincerely,

Maria

Maria DiScioscia, RPR

631-988-9445

mldiscioscia@sccourts.org

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Sincerely,

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W. Mark White  
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