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In The Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM NEWBERRY COUNTY
In The Court of Common Pleas for the Eighth Circuit

J. Mark Hayes, II, Circuit Court Judge
Trial Court Case No. 2018CP3600089, 2019CP3600245

Appellate Case No. 2025-000497

Lisa Summer Rice and Joseph F. Rice.....Appellants,

v.

Newberry Lions Club and Betty S. Amick, as Personal
Representative of the Estate of C. Ray Amick.....Respondents,

AND

A. Murray Gray, Claude H. Schumpert, and Melissa B.
Schumpert.....Appellants,

v.

Betty S. Amick, as Personal Representative of the Estate
of C. Ray Amick, and Cheryl Littlejohn.....Respondents.

**APPELLANTS' MOTION FOR EXTENSION TO FILE
INITIAL REPLY BRIEF AND COUNTER-DESIGNATION**

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and Joseph F. Rice

The undersigned counsel for Appellants Lisa Summer Rice and Joseph F. Rice, do hereby move this Court for an extension of 30-days to file their Initial Reply Brief and Counter-Designations – i.e., until February 17, 2026.

The reason for the motion is that Appellants filed their Initial Brief with this Court on December 17, 2025, and my family and I (two days later on December 19) took a family trip out of the country for the Christmas season and I did not return to the office until December 29, 2025. I have communicated with counsel for Respondents, Mary Caskey, Esquire; Biff Sowell, Esquire; and, Sam Price, Esquire about their position on this motion of Appellants. Attached herewith are email consents from all three counsel as Attachment A.

The undersigned believe that this is a reasonable request and would ask for an Order of this Court granting Appellants until February 17, 2026, to file and serve Appellants' Initial Reply Brief and Counter-Designations (if any).

January 6, 2026

POPE PARKER JENKINS, P.A.

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South Carolina Court of Appeals

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Columbia, SC 29211

RE: Lisa Summer Rice, et al. v. Newberry Lions Club and Betty Amick, et al.
and A. Murray Gray v. Betty Amick, as Personal Representative – Appellate Case No. 2025-000497

Dear Clerk Kitchings:

I am writing this letter to request a 30-day extension – i.e., until February 17, 2026 – to file and serve Appellants' Initial Reply Brief and any Counter-Designations, as they would otherwise be due on or before January 17, 2026. I received the Brief of Respondents on December 17, 2025, and I was out of the office on a family trip until December 29, 2025. Because I was out of the office for those 10+ days, I am writing to request a 30-day extension to file and serve Appellants' Initial Reply Brief and any Counter-Designations.

I have communicated with all counsel for Respondents and they have consented to my request.

I enclose herein Appellants' Motion for Extension, together with the email consents from counsel, which are attached to the motion. Our firm check in the amount of \$50 for the motion filing fee will be mailed to your office. Thank you for your consideration.

With best regards.

Sincerely,

POPE PARKER JENKINS, P.A.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas H. Pope III". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "T".

Thomas H. Pope III

THP/ba
Enclosure

cc: Thornwell F. Sowell III, Esquire (*via email only*)
Samuel M. Price, Jr., Esquire (*via email only*)
Jennifer Dowd Nichols, Esquire (*via email only*)
Mary M. Caskey, Esquire (*via email only*)

ATTACHMENT A

From: Biff Sowell bsowell@sowelldurant.com
Subject: RE: Rice v Amick ,et al -extension
Date: December 30, 2025 at 12:30 PM
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Yes. Welcome back.

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Thank you, and happy NewYear.
Best,

Tom

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Hope you had a great time. Happy to grant the extension.

Mary Caskey

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Mr. Price consents to the extension.

Thank you,
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