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Case No. 2023-CP-12-00288  
Case No. 2025-002548

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v.

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v.

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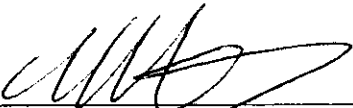
AMENDED NOTICE OF APPEAL

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Mary Simpson Carpenter Crowder by and Through Michael Paul Swearingen as Special Administrator for the Estate of Mary Simpson Carpenter Crowder and James Wylie Crowder, III appeal the Jury Verdict, Directed Verdict against James Wylie Crowder, III, Judgment of the Court of November 19, 2025, the Court's denial of all Plaintiffs and Third party plaintiff and defendants post trial motions for JNOV, New trial, and Motion for Remittitur made in Court, and denial of Plaintiffs and third party Plaintiffs and Defendants written motions for JNOV and for a

New Trial that was allowed by the Circuit Judge, and the two written Orders of the Court dated December 3, 2025. Appellants received written notice of the two final orders on December 3, 2025.

January 9, 2026

  
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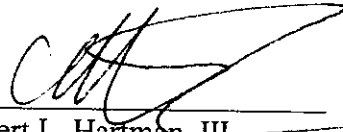
I certify that I have served the Amended Notice of Appeal on the below named parties by depositing a copy of the Notice in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, on January 9, 2026 addressed to them or their attorneys of record.

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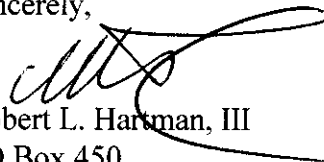
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RE: Crowder v. Cedar Grove 2025-002548 and 2023-CP-12-00288

Dear Ms. Kitchings,

Please find attached for filing in the above-referenced appal an Amended Notice of Appeal for filing. This Amended Notice supplements the Notice of Appeal field on December 22, 2025. It is timely because today is within 30 says after receipt of the trial courts written ruling on post-judgment motoins. I ask that you file it and return a file-stamped copy to me by email when have chance. By copy of this email I am serving opposing counsel. Enclosed for filing is a notice of appeal in the above case, Also enclosed are the following:

Sincerely,



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