

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
COUNTY OF SALUDA )

)IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
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**Jan 12 2026**  
**SC Court of Appeals**

CHRISTIAN G. SPRADLEY and )  
TAYLOR MOORE, LLC )

Plaintiffs )

vs. )

DEBRAH J. TAYLOR GREENE and )  
DAVID GREENE )

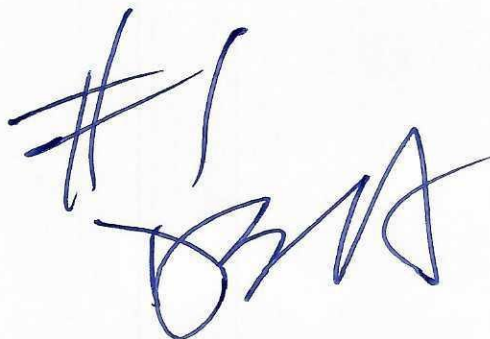
Defendants )

ORDER  
2020-CP-41-00075

Subsequent to the jury verdict in favor of the Plaintiffs on November 14, 2025 and a Restraining Order issued by the Court on November 17, 2025, the Court received a Motion for New Trial filed by the Defendants in the form of an Affidavit from Ms. Greene, dated December 3, 2025.

The Court has the absolute discretion to rule on a Motion for New Trial without a hearing. The Court denies the Motion as it is without merit and without evidentiary and legal support.

The Court will, however, make certain findings concerning the Defendants' Motion for New Trial:



1. There was overwhelming evidence of defamation perpetrated by the Defendants against the Plaintiffs presented at trial. For example, evidence showed that the Defendants mailed over 150 letters to various individuals and businesses in Saluda and surrounding areas defaming the Plaintiffs as well as a multitude of social media posts of like nature. This Court simply can not understand why the Defendants continue to minimize their actions as clearly reflected in Ms. Greene's Affidavit;

2. The Defendants complain that they are unaware of the remarks the jury found to be defamatory. The jury was not required to make such a finding in their verdict.

3. The Defendants complain that they were prevented from putting into the record a "full presentation of their case". Quite frankly, their case was based primarily on inadmissible evidence such as hearsay, irrelevant material and the like. The Court allowed probably more in from the Defendants than it should have. The Defendants, being non-lawyers, simply do not understand the rules of evidence and civil procedure.

4. Ms. Greene alluded to the fact in her efforts to present the Defendant's evidence, she was "silenced and threatened with the contempt". She was "silenced



and threatened with contempt” not to prevent her from presenting evidence in but to prohibit some of the most egregious conduct by a party/witness this Court has ever seen. She was threatened with sanctions and then with contempt, all outside the presence of the jury, for completely refusing to comply with the Court’s directives on multiple occasions when she was testifying. The transcript will certainly show not only the actions of Ms. Greene but the patience and restraint the Court did its very best to exhibit while she was testifying.

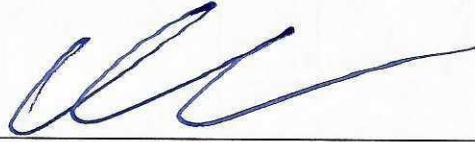
5. The Court finds the underlying litigation concerning the “heir’s property” was handled properly and in accordance with law notwithstanding the Defendants’ unfounded and ill-based claims to the contrary.

The Court could go on with not only further grounds for denying the Defendant’s Motion for New Trial but with a general commentary of the Defendants’ entire approach to this case and their feelings of entitlement to justice for them and their family. It is simply sad that they will continue to harbor ill-will and animosity towards the Plaintiffs and others in spite of the substantial evidence to the contrary. The Court can unequivocally state that justice, during the trial of this case, was served to both the Plaintiffs and the Defendants.

The Jury Verdict and the prior Restraining Order remains in full force and effect.



The Motion for New Trial is respectfully denied.



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DONALD B. HOCKER  
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

Laurens, S.C,  
Date: 12-12-25

