

NOTICE OF APPEAL & PROOF OF SERVICE

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

TONY WILLIAMS, Plaintiff-Appellant,

v.

LOWE'S HOME CENTERS, LLC and ANDREW MELLING, Defendants-Respondents.

Case No.: 2025-CP-07-01666 (Beaufort County)

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NOTICE OF APPEAL

TO: THE CLERK OF THE COURT OF APPEALS; THE CLERK OF COURT FOR BEAUFORT COUNTY; AND THE RESPONDENTS ABOVE-NAMED:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Plaintiff-Appellant, Tony Williams, hereby appeals to the South Carolina Court of Appeals from the Order of Dismissal with Prejudice entered on December 17, 2025, and from the Order denying Appellant's Rule 59(e) Motion entered on January 6, 2026.

Appellant received notice of the entry of the January 6, 2026 Order on January 6, 2026. This Notice of Appeal is timely served and filed within thirty (30) days of said notice pursuant to Rule 203(b), SCACR.

The issues on appeal include, but are not limited to:

1. The Trial Court's lack of jurisdiction to grant a Rule 12(b)(6) dismissal to Respondents who were in a state of **Certified Entry of Default**.
2. The Trial Court's reliance on findings of fact containing **extrinsic fraud** regarding the identity and criminal history of the Appellant (1995 DOB stranger's record).
3. The Trial Court's failure to address **Motions for Recusal and Disqualification** prior to issuing a dispositive ruling.
4. The Trial Court's factual error regarding Appellant's presence at the December 15, 2025 hearing.

STATEMENT OF NO TRANSCRIPT Pursuant to Rule 207(b), SCACR, Appellant states that no transcript is being ordered. The issues are purely legal and procedural. Appellant reserves the right to supplement the record with Clerk's minutes or digital recordings to rebut factual errors regarding hearing attendance.

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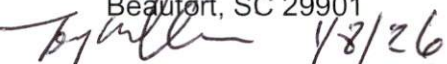
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Dated: January 8, 2026

PROOF OF SERVICE

I, Tony Williams, certify that on **January 8, 2026**, I served a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice of Appeal and Statement of No Transcript by depositing the same in the United States Mail, **Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested**, addressed as follows:

1. **RESPONDENT'S COUNSEL:** Andrew Melling, Esq., Burr & Forman LLP, P.O. Box 11390, Columbia, SC 29211
2. **LOWER COURT CLERK:** Clerk of Court for Beaufort County, 102 Ribaut Road, Beaufort, SC 29902
3. **COURT REPORTER:** Chief Court Reporter, 14th Judicial Circuit, P.O. Box 1128, Beaufort, SC 29901

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VIA CERTIFIED MAIL Clerk of the Court of Appeals

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**RE: Notice of Appeal – Tony Williams v. Lowe’s Home Centers, LLC, et al. Trial Court
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Dear Clerk,

Enclosed for filing, please find the following documents regarding the appeal of the above-referenced matter:

1. **Filing Fee:** A Money Order in the amount of **\$150.00** made payable to the "Clerk of the Court of Appeals."
2. **Notice of Appeal:** Original and required copies.
3. **Appellate Orders:** A copy of the **Order of Dismissal** (filed December 17, 2025) and the **Form 4 Judgment** (filed January 6, 2026) being appealed.
4. **Statement of No Transcript:** Confirming that no court reporter was present and no transcript is necessary for this appeal.
5. **Proof of Service:** Demonstrating that a copy of the Notice of Appeal has been served upon Respondent’s counsel, Andrew Melling, Esq.

Please file-stamp the extra copy of the Notice of Appeal and return it to me in the enclosed Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope (SASE).

Respectfully submitted,


Tony Williams Appellant Pro Se

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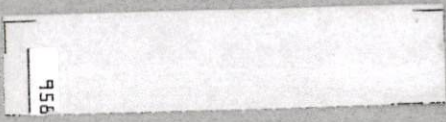
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