

The Supreme Court of South Carolina

Emory W. Roberts, Jr., Petitioner,

v.

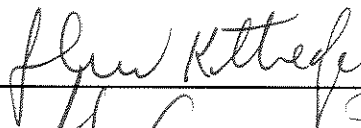
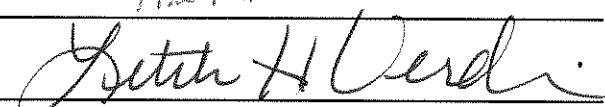
State of South Carolina, Respondent.

Appellate Case No. 2024-001521

ORDER

On January 16, 2025, this Court granted Petitioner's petition for a writ of mandamus, directed the Berkeley County Clerk of Court to accept Petitioner's motions for reconsideration, and required the parties to submit updates on the status of Petitioner's motions every thirty days. As of the date of this order, Berkeley County has not yet ruled on Petitioner's filings.

Petitioner has now filed requests for a declaratory judgment. Because the matter is still pending before the circuit court, we deny Petitioner's requests. *See* Rule 245(a), SCACR (providing the Supreme Court will not entertain matters in its original jurisdiction when the matter can be determined in a lower court in the first instance).

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Columbia, South Carolina
January 16, 2026

cc:

Danielle Dixon, Esquire
Emory W. Roberts, Jr., 373393
The Honorable Leah Guerry Dupree