

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In the Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM RICHLAND COUNTY

Court of Common Pleas
Frank R. Addy, Jr., Circuit Court Judge

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Case No. 2016-CP-40-04463
Appellate Case No. 2023-000556

Jean Watkins, as Personal Representative
of the Estate of Mildred Watkins,

Respondent,

v.

Sterling Healthcare, Inc., Country
Wood Nursing Center, LLC, and
Guardian Resources, LLC,

Appellants.

APPELLANTS' MOTION FOR SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL

Appellants Sterling Healthcare, Inc., Country Wood Nursing Center, LLC, and Guardian Resources, LLC have filed this Motion to substitute Robert L. Eaton as counsel for the Appellants in this matter.

The grounds for this Motion are that Taylor J. Stewart and David R. Schlosser are no longer with the firm of Lewis Brisbois Bigaard & Smith LLP and therefore should be removed from the matter and Robert L. Eaton substituted as counsel for Appellants.

WHEREFORE Appellants respectfully request that this Court issue an Order relieving Taylor J. Stewart and David R. Schlosser and substituting Robert L. Eaton as counsel for Appellants in this matter.

[Signature on following page.]

Respectfully submitted this 21st day of January, 2026.

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