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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In the Court of Appeals

Adele J. Pope, Appellant

vs.

Estate of James Brown and The James Brown 2000 Irrevocable Trust, Respondents

Circuit Court Case No. 2013-CP-02-1337

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Adele J. Pope appeals the following Orders issued in this action:

1. Verbal orders from the bench of the Honorable Courtney Clyburn Pope on November 20, 2025, as follows:
 - a. Dismissing this case based solely on the June 10, 2015, Order of the Supreme Court of South Carolina.
 - b. Refusing to allow Plaintiff/Appellant to proffer for the record in this case the exhibits presented by Plaintiff in support of Plaintiff's pending motions, which the Court declined to accept into the record.
 - c. Refusing to entertain Plaintiff's motions, and evidence in support of same, relating to the *ex parte* contact between David Black, Esq., and the Honorable Clifton Newman on February 4, 2022.
 - d. Refusing to inquire about Black's *ex parte* contact with Judge Newman on February 4, 2022 and possibly other unknown dates, such *ex parte* contact(s) being made during the time when Black's clients were seeking sanctions against Plaintiff, including striking her Answer in a tort suit brought by Black's clients against Plaintiff, which *ex parte* contact(s) resulted in Judge Newman's issuing orders against Plaintiff and her counsel, which orders were biased against Plaintiff and violated her Due Process and other constitutional rights.
 - e. Failing to order the Defendants to return to Plaintiff the approximately \$150,000 (originally \$47,972 plus interest) which was awarded to her by order of the Honorable Doyet Early dated August 16, 2017, and confirmed on January 16, 2019.

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2. Order of the Honorable Courtney Clyburn Pope dated January 8, 2026, denying Appellant's Motion to Alter, Amend or Vacate Order dismissing Suit as Ended and Declining to Rule on Motion to Return Funds and Vacate Orders Resulting from *Ex Parte* Communication(s).

A copy of the Order of January 8, 2026, which was received by Appellant on that date, is attached hereto as Exhibit A. All orders were received by Appellant on the date issued.

A check for the filing fee will be mailed today.

Respectfully submitted,

s/ Adele Pope
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Kirsten Small <ksmall@maynardnexsen.com> , David Black
<dblack@maynardnexsen.com>

Cc: Adele Pope <adele@popelawfirm.com>

Dear Judge Clyburn Pope and Ms. Small,

I am attaching a Notice of Appeal filed in the Electronic System for Aiken County today.

As set out below, Ms. Small is not noted in the Aiken County System.

I will mail a copy of the filing fee with a copy of this email this afternoon when I mail the check for filing fee to the Court of Appeals.

Best,

Adele J. Pope

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S.C. Bar No. 4501

cc: David Black, Esq.

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