

BEFORE THE
SOUTH CAROLINA COURT OF APPEALS

Appellate Case No. 2026- 000250

Jessica Buckner, Claimant,

Appellant,

v.

SDS Restaurant Group, LLC, Employer, and
Intrepid Insurance Company, Carrier,

Respondents.

RESPONDENTS' MOTION TO SUBSTITUTE COUNSEL

Pursuant to SCACR 264(b), Respondents respectfully move that D. Alan Westerlund, Jr. of Luzuriaga Mims, LLP be withdrawn as counsel for Respondents, and that William H. Lyon and Johnnie W. Baxley, III, both of Willson Jones Carter & Baxley be substituted as counsel for Respondents on this appeal.

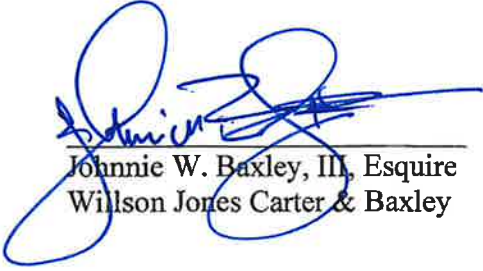
D. Alan Westerlund, Jr. practiced law with the firm of Willson Jones Carter & Baxley and served as counsel for the Respondents in the action referenced above until January 28, 2026. Mr. Westerlund resigned his employment with Willson Jones Carter & Baxley and started employment with Luzuriaga Mims on that date. Both firms sent a joint letter to the Respondents in this matter, and they elected to have Willson Jones Carter & Baxley continue as counsel in this matter; that document dated February 4, 2026 is attached. William H. Lyon and Johnnie W. Baxley, III, both of Willson, Jones, Carter & Baxley will be substituted and will serve as counsel for Respondents on this appeal.

All involved attorneys have consented to this Motion for Substitution of Counsel as set forth below.

WE SO CONSENT:



William H. Lyon, Esquire
Willson Jones Carter & Baxley



Johnnie W. Baxley, III, Esquire
Willson Jones Carter & Baxley



D. Alan Westerlund, Jr., Esquire
Luzuriaga Mims

Date: February 12, 2026

From: Chowdhury, Uma <umchowdhury@berkleynet.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 4, 2026 10:08 AM
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Subject: Alan Westerlund Departure - WJCB to continue handling files for BNET

Hi Hal,

Thank you for your patience. I have attached the letter advising WJCB can continue to handle our files. Please let me know if you need anything else on our end.

Thank you,



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January 28, 2026

Via E-Mail: umchowdhury@berkleynet.com
Uma Chowdhury
Berkley Net Underwriters

Dear Uma:

As you are aware, Alan Westerlund advised us on Wednesday January 28 that he will be leaving Willson, Jones, Carter and Baxley, and joining Luzuriaga Mims, LLP. Pursuant to the Rules of Professional Conduct, I am sending this letter as a formal notice of his departure.

Alan was handling files on the attached list for your company as an attorney with Willson Jones, Carter and Baxley. You have the right to select the attorney(s) who will handle these files going forward. The options for continued handling of these files are listed below. Please select one of these options and return this letter to me. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Willson Jones Carter & Baxley, P.A.

Anne V. Noonan

- The files on the attached list will continue to be handled by Alan Westerlund at his new firm, Luzuriaga Mims, LLP.
- The files on the attached list will remain with Willson Jones Carter & Baxley and will be handled by attorneys as your company indicates.
- The files on the attached list will be transferred to another attorney/ firm. Please indicate the attorney/firm:

Uma Chowdhury

02/04/2026
Date

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Kelly Stecklair-Courtney, do hereby certify that I am a Legal Assistant with **WILLSON JONES CARTER & BAXLEY, P.A.** in North Charleston, South Carolina, and that on the 12th day of February, 2026, I sent the foregoing **RESPONDENTS' MOTION TO SUBSTITUTE COUNSEL** to the following by electronic mail:

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VIA EMAIL (ctappfilings@sccourts.org) AND FIRST CLASS MAIL
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Re: Jessica Buckner, Claimant, Appellant,
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Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Per SCACR Rule 240 and Rule 264(b), please find enclosed the following documents (an original and six copies) for filing in regards to the above-referenced case.

1. Respondents' Motion to Substitute Counsel;
2. Certificate of Service; and
3. \$50.00 Filing Fee.

With kindest regards,

WILLSON JONES CARTER & BAXLEY, P.A.

William H. Lyon

WHL/

Enclosures

cc: Robert T. Usry, Esquire (via email only)
D. Alan Westerlund, Esquire (via email only)