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Re: John Grooms, Jr. v. Barrel House Grille, LLC  
Appellate Case No. 2024-001412

Dear Counsel:

Thank you for your February 3, 2026 letter advising the Court of the status of this case, which was remanded to the circuit court for a hearing on a pending Rule 60(b) motion in December of 2024. We are holding our appeal in abeyance pending resolution of the Rule 60(b) motion by the circuit court. On October 15, 2025, Judge Dukes issued a ruling on the Rule 60(b) motion. As stated in your update, it appears there is a motion to reconsider the October 15 order currently pending before the circuit court. Within ten (10) days of the date of this letter, please let us know the efforts being made to obtain a ruling on the motion so that we may update our records.

Very truly yours,

  
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