

**THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS**

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Appeal from Dorchester County  
Court of Common Pleas

Maite Murphy, Circuit Court Judge

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Case No. 2024-CP-18-00671  
Appellate Case No. 2025-002151

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Javan Ennis  
as Personal Representative of the Estate of Michael Ennis,

Respondent,

v.

Hallmark Longterm Care, LLC d/b/a Hallmark Healthcare Center  
and Kellie Hiers,

Appellants.

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