

**THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In the Court of Appeals**

**APPEAL FROM MARLBORO COUNTY
Court of Common Pleas**

The Honorable Robert E. Hood

Case No.: 2025CP3400154

Sharon Covington and Dorothy Douglas, Respondents,

v.

**1st Better Living 2, LLC; Marlboro County Delinquent Tax Collector;
Newrez, LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, Defendants,**

of which Newrez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing is the Appellant.

AMENDED NOTICE OF APPEAL

Appellant Newrez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing (“Appellant” or “Newrez”) appeals from the Order of the Honorable Robert E. Hood for the Marlboro County Court of Common Pleas, 4th Judicial Circuit denying its Motion to Dismiss, including denial of enforcement of an agreement to arbitrate, which was entered on December 9, 2025 (“December 9, 2025 Order”), and from the Order of the Honorable Robert E. Hood for the Marlboro County Court of Common Pleas, 4th Judicial Circuit, further denying enforcement of arbitration, which was entered on February 10, 2026 (“February 10, 2026 Order”). Copies of the December 9, 2025 Order and February 10, 2026 Order are attached. Appellant received written notice of entry of the December 9, 2025 Order on December 9, 2025, and Appellant received written notice of entry of the February 10, 2026 Order on February 10, 2026.

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Appellant timely filed its original Notice of Appeal from the December 9, 2025 Order on January 8, 2026. This Amended Notice of Appeal is filed to incorporate Appellant's appeal from the February 10, 2026 Order.

Respectfully submitted this 19th day of February 2026.

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PROOF OF SERVICE

I certify that I served the notice of appeal by depositing a copy of it on the date shown below in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, addressed as follows:

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