

The Supreme Court of the State of South Carolina

CHRISTOPHER E. MILLS; SPERO LAW LLC,
PETITIONERS,

v.

ACTING CIRCUIT JUDGE JEAN H. TOAL,
RICHLAND COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT,
RESPONDENT.

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S.C. SUPREME COURT

**WITHDRAWAL OF PETITION FOR WRIT OF PROHIBITION
AND EMERGENCY MOTION FOR ADMINISTRATIVE STAY
IN THE ORIGINAL JURISDICTION OF THE SUPREME COURT**

On February 20, 2026, Petitioners filed a petition for writ of prohibition on the ground that the Richland County Circuit Court, acting through Acting Circuit Judge Toal, lacked jurisdiction of a Rule 45(c)(3)(A) non-party subpoena proceeding in the Charleston County Court of Common Pleas, *In re Christopher E. Mills, Spero Law LLC, Subpoena Duces Tecum*, No. 2026-CP-10-00563. On February 23, 2026, Chief Justice Kittredge entered an order about that proceeding, ordering “that the Honorable Jean Hofer Toal, retired Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, be vested with exclusive jurisdiction to hear and dispose of the above case,” “regardless of where she may be assigned to hold court.” The order also provided Acting Circuit Judge Toal “all powers and duties appertaining to a Circuit Judge of the Ninth Judicial Circuit while presiding over this matter.” In light of this order, Petitioners hereby withdraw without prejudice their petition for writ of prohibition and emergency motion for administrative stay.

Respectfully submitted,

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