

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In the Court of Appeals
APPEAL FROM GEORGETOWN COUNTY
Court of Common Pleas

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The Honorable Kristi F. Curtis
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Appellate Case No. 2023-001776
Case No. 2023-CP-22-00210

Kendrick A. Bryant and Keisha Bryant Sherman on behalf of the heirs of Ernest Bryant; Benjamin Dennison and Willie Dereef, Jr. on behalf of the heirs of Limerick Dennison; Lucille Grate; Parkersville Planning & Development Alliance; Keep It Green; and Preserve Murrells Inlets, Inc., Appellants,

v.

Georgetown County and Covington Homes, LLC, Respondents.

**NOTICE OF APPEARANCE OF CHAD N. JOHNSTON
AND PETITION FOR WITHDRAWAL OF JAMES K. GILLIAM
AS COUNSEL FOR RESPONDENT COVINGTON HOMES, LLC**

You will please take notice that Chad N. Johnston, from the law firm of Burr & Forman, LLP, hereby enters an appearance as counsel of record for Respondent Covington Homes, LLC.

Further, pursuant to Rule 264(b), SCACR, Respondent Covington Homes, LLC, by and through its undersigned counsel, consents and hereby petitions this Court for the withdrawal of James K. Gilliam, formerly of Burr & Forman, LLP, as counsel for the Respondent in this matter. In support of this request, the undersigned submits that Mr. Gilliam's last day with Burr & Forman LLP was Wednesday, January 21, 2026, and he is no longer able to otherwise continue his representation of Respondent Covington Homes, LLC.

Consistent with Rule 264(b), SCACR, the undersigned counsel for Respondent Covington Homes, LLC hereby certifies that written notice of Mr. Gilliam's proposed withdrawal has been provided to Appellants and Co-Respondent Georgetown County and all parties have consented to Mr. Gilliam's withdrawal from representation of Covington Homes, LLC and the filing of the within petition.

Respectfully submitted:

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PROOF OF SERVICE

This is to certify that the undersigned employee with the law firm of Burr & Forman LLP, has caused to be served this day one (1) copy of the Notice of appearance of Chad N. Johnston and Petition for Withdrawal of James K. Gilliam as counsel for Respondent Covington Homes, LLC filed in the above-captioned matter upon counsel of record via email at the email address reflected in the Attorney Information System and as set forth below:


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Good afternoon,

Attached for service in the above matter is the Notice of Appearance of Chad N. Johnston and Petition for Withdrawal of James K. Gilliam as Counsel for Respondent Covington Homes, LLC. We will be filing shortly with the Court of Appeals and will attach this email to the proof of service of same.