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February 23, 2026

VIA REGULAR MAIL

The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings
South Carolina Court of Appeals
PO Box 11629
Columbia, SC 29211

RE: *Montgomery Holdings, LLC, IBI Builders v. Christopher J. Merlo and Grandsouth Bank*
AND Christopher J. Merlo v. Gregory K. Grissinger, Jr., and John Montgomery
Appellate Case # 2022-001189

Dear Ms. Kitchings,

Enclosed for filing please find the following documents relative to the above-referenced matter:

1. Respondents' Motion to Tax Costs, Form 17 – Itemized Statement of Costs, Certificate of Service; and
2. Check # 2945 in the amount of \$50.00 for the filing fee.

The subject motion, itemized statement of costs, and certificate of service is being submitted for filing via ctappfilings@sccourts.org. If you have any questions, please let me know. Thank you.

Sincerely,

TAROKH LAW, PLLC

/s/ Jason M. Tarokh

Jason M. Tarokh

Attorney

Encl.

cc: Client

Townes B. Johnson III, Attorney for Appellant, tjohnson@sc.legal

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In The Court of Appeals

Appeal from Oconee County
Court of Common Pleas

Hon. Steven C. Kirven, Master-in-Equity
2019CP3700687 and 2020CP3700188

Appellate Case No. 2022-001189

Montgomery Holdings, LLC d/b/a IBI Builders.....Respondent.

Versus

Christopher J. Merlo and GrandSouth Bank.....Defendants.

AND

Christopher J. Merlo.....Appellant.

Versus

Gregory K. Grissinger, Jr., and John Montgomery.....Respondents.

MOTION TO TAX COSTS

As the prevailing parties, Respondents Montgomery Holdings, LLC d/b/a IBI Builders, Gregory K. Grissinger, Jr., and Johnn Montgomery, hereby moves pursuant to Rule 222 of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules for an order taxing costs in their favor against Appellant, Christopher J. Merlo, in accordance with the attached Itemized Statement of Costs, incorporated herein by reference.

Respectfully submitted,

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**FORM 17
ITEMIZED STATEMENT OF COSTS**

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In The Court of Appeals
2022-001189

Montgomery Holdings, LLC d/b/a FBI Builders... Respondent
v.

Christopher J. Merlo and Grand South Bank... Defendants

AND

Christopher J. Merlo... Appellant

v.
Gregory K. Grissinger, Jr., and John Montgomery... Respondents

The Appellate Court is requested to tax the following costs against

Christopher J. Merlo

(Name of Party)

COSTS TAXABLE UNDER RULE 222, SCACR	NO. OF PAGES	RATE	REQUESTED	ALLOWED (For Court Use Only)
Cost of Printing or Copying Final Brief			\$ 130.83	
Cost of Printing or Copying Final Reply Brief				
Cost of Printing or Copying Record on Appeal				
Filing Fee Paid Under Rule 203(d), SCACR				
Cost of Court Reporter's Transcript			\$ 2,028.60	
Attorney's Fee Provided By Rule 222(b), SCACR			\$ 2,500.00	
Other (specify and explain):				

COSTS TAXABLE UNDER RULE 242(j), SCACR				
Cost of Printing or Copying Brief				
Cost of Printing or Copying Reply Brief				
Cost of Printing or Copying Appendix				
Filing fee paid under Rule 242(c), SCACR				
Attorney's fee provided by Rule 242(j)(2), SCACR				
Other (specify and explain):				
		TOTAL	\$4,659.43	

I, Jason M. Tarolff, do swear or affirm that the foregoing costs are correct and were necessarily incurred in this action. A copy of this statement was (mailed to/served upon) opposing counsel.
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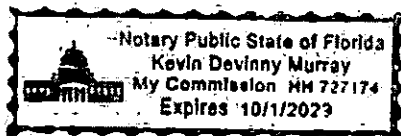
 Attorney for Respondents (Signature)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of February, 2026.

Kevin Devinny Murray
 Notary Public for FLORIDA

My Commission Expires: 10/1/29

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on February 23, 2026, I have served Respondents' Motion to Tax Costs,
including the Form 17 Itemized Statement of Costs, by e-mail to counsel of record as follows:

Townes B. Johnson, III, Esq.
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Respectfully Submitted,

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