

# The South Carolina Court of Appeals

Bernard Bagley, #175851, Appellant,

v.

South Carolina Department Corrections, Respondent.

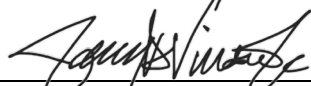
Appellate Case No. 2025-002433

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## ORDER

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On December 5, 2025, Appellant filed a notice of appeal seeking review of a decision by an administrative law judge. Appellant sought to be paid pursuant to the prevailing wage statute for work performed as part of an industry within the South Carolina Department of Corrections. Appellant sought to have the \$250.00 notice of appeal filing he paid in Appellate Case No. 2025-002404 “transferred” to this appeal, which this Court construes as a motion to proceed *in forma pauperis*. Because Appellant alleges he has been denied a prevailing wage, we grant his motion to proceed *in forma pauperis*. See *Ex Parte Martin*, 321 S.C. 533, 535, 471 S.E.2d 134, 134-35 (1995) (“Motions to proceed in forma pauperis may be granted only when authorized by statute or required by constitutional provisions.”); *Wicker v. S.C. Dep’t of Corrs.*, 360 S.C. 421, 424, 602 S.E.2d 56, 58 (2004) (recognizing a state-created property interest in the payment of a prevailing wage).

  
FOR THE COURT

J.

Columbia, South Carolina

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