

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
In The Court of Appeals

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APPEAL FROM FAIRFIELD COUNTY  
Court of Common Pleas  
Brian M. Gibbons, Circuit Court Judge

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Appellate Case No. 2026-000263  
Case No. 2025-CP-20-00274 & 2025-CP-20-00275

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Estate of Robert E. Powers, Jr., Jennifer D. Powers, Personal  
Representative, ..... Appellants

v.

The Hon. Bradley Caulder as an individual, Law Office of Barbara  
E. Brunson, as guardian ad litem for Robert Edward Powers, Jr.,  
Barbara Brunson, individual, Family Services, Inc., d/b/a Origin  
SC, as Conservator for Robert E. Powers, Jr., Caprice Atterbury, as  
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Poston, individual, ..... Respondents

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**Return to Appellants’ Motion to File Amended Notice of Appeal**

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Respondent Brandon Keith Poston opposes the latest pro se filings from Appellant Jennifer D. Powers, each of which are titled “Ex-Parte Motion Requesting Permission to File Amended Notice of Appeal,” (collectively as the “Motions”) for three reasons.<sup>1</sup>

*First*, the Court should deny Powers’ Motions due to her continued procedural failures. Powers filed these Motions, like many others, without properly serving them on Poston’s counsel

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<sup>1</sup> On February 26, 2026, Powers filed two documents, each of which are titled “Ex-Parte Appellant Motion Requesting Permission to File Amended Notice of Appeal.” These documents appear to be identical in form and substance, though they are filed in reference to different Circuit Court case numbers. Accordingly, Poston makes this Return to both filings.

as required by Rule 262(c), SCACR. After receiving a deficiency notice the Court sent to Powers, undersigned counsel later received the instant Motions by FedEx delivery. This is not the first time that Powers has used FedEx to serve documents, both on undersigned counsel and on Poston directly. Moreover, Powers' Proof of Service filed with the Motions indicates that the Motions were served on February 25, 2026, by both United States Mail and personal delivery to the undersigned counsel's office. By contrast, the Motions were sent via FedEx, and the shipping label indicates a ship date of February 28, 2026. (See Powers' FedEx Packet, **Exhibit A**.) Given Powers' failure to properly follow the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules, Powers' Motions should be denied. Rule 240(g), SCACR ("Failure of the moving party to perform any act required by this Rule may be deemed an abandonment of the motion or petition.").

*Second*, Powers has failed to state the grounds for the Motions as required by Rule 240(c), SCACR. The Clerk of Court previously notified Powers that she could not amend her Notices of Appeal without filing a motion under Rule 240. (Ltr. To Powers, February 19, 2026.) In response, Powers made two filings titled "Ex-Parte Appellant Motion Requesting Permission to File Amended Notice of Appeal" wherein she moves, "[p]ursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 15(a) and 15(a)(1), Rule 15(a)(2), the Appellants hereby submit this Motion to File their Amended Complaint." (Ex-Parte Motion Requesting Permission to File Amended Notice of Appeal ¶ 2.) Powers' Motions, much like her various other filings below and before this Court, are largely incomprehensible, so they fail to "state the grounds thereof" as required by Rule 240(c), and should be denied.

*Third*, Powers is not a licensed attorney and lacks standing to pursue this action in a representative capacity as a *pro se* litigant. *Brown v. Coe*, 365 S.C. 137, 142, 616 S.E.2d 705, 708, *order clarified*, 365 S.C. 664, 620 S.E.2d 323 (2005); *In re Lexington County Transfer Court*, 334

S.C. 47, 512 S.E.2d 791 (1999) (acknowledging that South Carolina, like other jurisdictions, limits the practice of law to licensed attorneys). The generally understood definition of the practice of law embraces the preparation of pleadings, and other papers incident to actions and special proceedings, and the management of such actions and proceedings on behalf of clients before judges and courts. *Doe v. McMaster*, 355 S.C. 306, 585 S.E.2d 773 (2003); *State v. Despain*, 319 S.C. 317, 460 S.E.2d 576 (1995); *In re Duncan*, 83 S.C. 186, 65 S.E. 210 (1909). Such a limitation is required by Section 40-5-310 because Powers is not a lawyer and the Estate is a separate legal entity with interests other than those of Powers alone. *Coe*, 365 S.C. at 147, 616 S.E.2d at 708; S.C. Code Ann. § 40-5-310 (“No person may practice or solicit the cause of another in a court of this State unless he has been admitted and sworn as an attorney.”). Moreover, the South Carolina Supreme Court has acknowledged that such restrictions on *pro se* representation are “necessary to protect the public from representation by those unlearned in the law.” *Id.*

This action arises out of the Fairfield County Probate Court’s handling of the Estate of Robert E. Powers, Jr. (2023ES2000136), though Powers’ filings, to the extent they can be deciphered, routinely muse about a much older Richland County Circuit Court matter, *Jennifer D. Powers, v. Robert E. Powers, Jr. and Nancy E. Powers, et al.* (2016-CP-40-00819). Unhappy with the result of that litigation in Richland County, Powers sued—this time in Fairfield County—the Probate Judge and a host of attorneys involved in the collateral litigation. In so doing, both the Fairfield County Probate Court and the Fairfield County Circuit Court informed Powers that she was not permitted to pursue this action in a representative capacity as a *pro se* litigant. (June 30, 2025 Order at 3, **Exhibit B**; January 30, 2026 Order of Dismissal at 4, **Exhibit C**.) In an apparent disregard of both the Probate Court and the Circuit Court’s respective orders, Powers has repeatedly filed motions and appeals on behalf of the Estate of Robert E. Powers, Jr. Regardless

of whether Powers is the court-appointed personal representative of the Estate, she does not have standing to file a civil action on its behalf. The Court should reject Powers' continued efforts to pursue this action in a representative capacity as a *pro se* litigant and dismiss the appeal. *Coe*, 365 S.C. at 147, 616 S.E.2d at 708.

### **Conclusion**

For the reasons set forth above, Respondent Brandon Keith Poston requests that the Court deny each of Powers' Ex-Parte Appellant Motion Requesting Permission to File Amended Notice of Appeal. Poston further requests that the Court dismiss the appeal because Powers, a *pro se* litigant, may not pursue this action in a representative capacity on behalf of the Estate of Robert E. Powers, Jr.

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**EXHIBIT A**

**Powers' FedEx Packet**

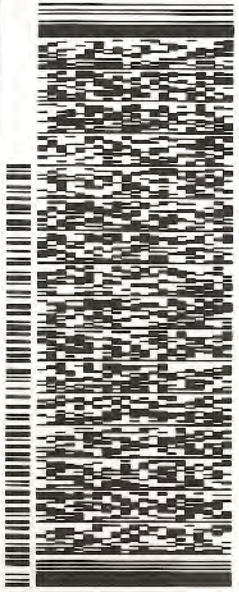
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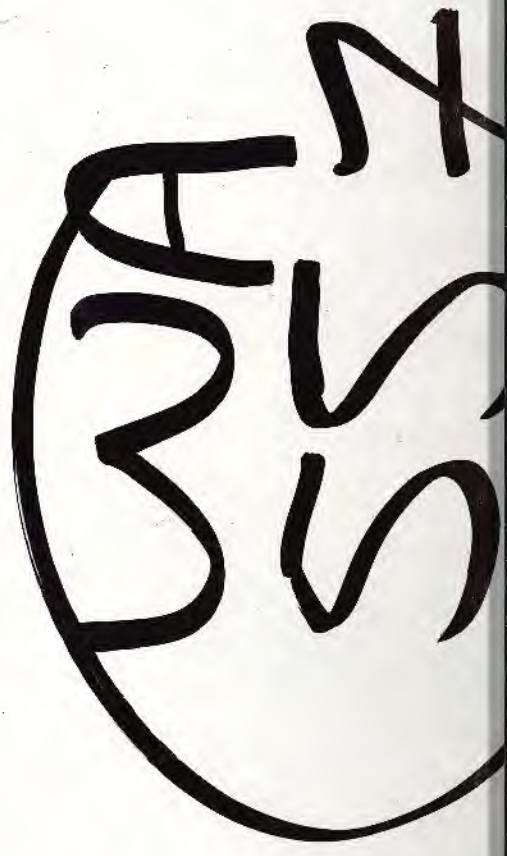
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EX-PARTE APPELLANT MOTION REQUESTING PERMISSION  
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Submitted: February 6, 2026 Decided: January 30, 2026,

EX-PARTE APPELLANT MOTION REQUESTING PERMISSION  
TO FILE AMENDED NOTICE OF APPEAL

COME NOW, Pursuant to Rule 240, SCACR, appellant Jennifer D.  
Powers hereinafter "The"), Appellants, pro se ("POWERS"), moves the  
court in the above captioned proceedings; respectfully requests the  
Court allow the filing of the Appellant, EX-PARTE APPELLANT  
MOTION REQUESTING PERMISSION TO FILE AMENDED NOTICE

OF APPEAL, in lieu of the original Notice of Appeal. In support of his/her motion, Appellant shows unto the Court:

COME NOW, Pursuant to Rule 240, SCACR, appellant Jennifer D. Powers Hereinafter "The"); Appellants, pro se ("POWERS") moves to amend their Notice of Appeal and moves for no extension of time in which to serve and file appellant Amended Notice of Appeal "To all parties of record" On Judgment Order entered on January 30, 2026, by Hon, Brian M. Gibbons Magistrate Judge/ Attorney Bar # 65091, Circuit Court Appellate Case No. 2025CP2000275, by granting the Defendants motion to dismiss and by dismissing Plaintiff's in this action as states:

**1.** That we are proceeding in a court of Constitutional Due Process under Article Ill of the Constitution of the United States for America, and the common law

**2.** Pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 15(a) and 15(a)(1), Rule 15(a)(2), the Appellants hereby submit this Motion to File their Amended Complaint. The Appellant don't seek leave to Amend Their complaint, this motion is timely for having been filed by the Appellants on February 6, 2026, the Appellants Notice of Appeal of

Appellant, the Incoming (Notice of Appeal of Appellant) As requested by this Court on February 6, 2026,

3. on February 9, 2026, On February 23, 2026 Appellate received a letter from JENNY ABBOTT KITCHINGS CLERK, CATHERINE S. HARRISON CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK as followed: Re: Estate of Robert E. Powers Jr. v. The Hon. Bradley Caulder Appellate Case No. 2026-000263, Dear Ms. Powers: The Court received multiple notices of appeal in this case. The notices of appeal have been consolidated for consideration by the Court, and we anticipate receiving one record on appeal. The times for perfecting the appeal will run from the date of service of the last notice of appeal. **Exhibit A**

4. on February 19, 2026, Appellate filed her amended notices of appeal.

5. On February 23, 2026 Appellate received a letter from JENNY ABBOTT KITCHINGS CLERK, CATHERINE S. HARRISON CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK as followed: Re: Estate of Robert E. Powers Jr. v. The Hon. Bradley Caulder Appellate Case No. 2026-000263, Dear Ms. Powers: The Court has received your amended notices of appeal. If you wish to amend your notices of appeal, you must file a motion pursuant to Rule 240, South Carolina Appellate Court Rules. **Exhibit B**

6. The amended Motion is accompanied by EX-PARTE APPELLANT MOTION REQUESTING PERMISSION TO FILE AMENDED NOTICE OF APPEAL

7. The Rules provide that "leave to amend shall be freely given when justice so requires." FED.R.CIV. P. 15(a). And given that This motion is timely, and discovery is just beginning, there will be no prejudice to the current Respondent. As such, the Appellants respectfully request that the Court grant this motion to amend, and direct clerk to file the attached Second Amended brief.

8. Appellants of their right to file an amended complaint under Rule 15. If in conflict, the Local Rule must yield to the federal rule, here Rule 15. [ **See Colgrove v. Battin**, 413 U.S. 149, 1618 (1973).

9. that Rule 15 confers a "right" to amend upon parties. **See Lacey v. Maricopa Cty.**, 693 F.3d 896, 927 (9th Cir. 2012), parties have twenty-one days "to amend as of right"); **Rick-Mik Enters., Inc. v. Equion Enters. LLC**, 532 F.3d 963, 977 (9th Cir. 2008), explaining in amendment context that until a responsive

pleading is filed or a final judgment of the case is entered, the Appellants had an absolute right to amend”); **Shaver v. Operating Eng’rs Local 428 Pension Trust Fund**, 332 F.3d 1198, 1201 (9th Cir. 2003) (before a responsive pleading was filed and before the case was dismissed, the Appellants “had an absolute right to amend their complaint”); **Sanford v. Motts**, 258 F.3d 1117, 1120 (9th Cir. 2001) ([Rule 15(a)] “gives an Appellants one opportunity to amend as of right.

10. pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 15(a), to seek leave of court before filing his Second Amended Complaint. The panel held that Rule 15(a) does not impose any particular timing mechanism governing the order in which amendments must be made. Because plaintiff’s First Amended Complaint, filed with consent of the opposing party, complied with Rule 15(a)(2) as an “Other amendment,” Appellants was permitted to file a timely Second Amended Complaint “as a matter of course” under Rule 15(a)(1), without seeking leave of court. Accordingly,

**RAMIREZ V. CTY. OF SAN BERNARDINO.**

11. The appellant's initial notices of appeal were presently due to be filed No Later Than February 6, 2026, Notice of Appeal (Civil) -

**12.** on February 19, 2026, Appellate filed her amended notices of appeal.

**13.** Pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 15(a) and 15(a)(1), and 15(a)(2). And given that this motion is timely, the Appellants hereby submit this Motion to File their Amended Complaint. The Appellants don't seek leave to amend her complaint because the consent of all adverse parties was Pursuant to Rule 240, SCACR, and Pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 15(a) and 15(a)(1), the Appellants hereby submit this Motion to File their Amended Complaint. The Appellants don't seek leave to amend Their complaint, as such, the Appellants respectfully request that the Court grant this motion to amend, and direct clerk to file the attached Amended EX-PARTE APPELLANT MOTION REQUESTING PERMISSION TO FILE AMENDED NOTICE OF APPEAL of the Appellants,

1. Attached hereto is the Official Receipt for the payment of the Appeal Fee For Case No. 2025CP2000274, the Date February 6, 2026, (See **Exhibit C**,

2. Attached hereto is the Official Receipt for the payment of the Appeal Fee For Case No. 2025CP2000275, the Date February 6, 2026, (See **Exhibit D**,

**14.** The appellant Jennifer D. Powers, highly respect this

honorable Court, the appellant Jennifer D. Powers, is requesting this honorable to keep these cases separated Because on remanded from The Hon, Brian M. Gibbons Magistrate Judge, The Hon. Bradley Caulder Have two different Orders from the Probate Court.

**15.** Rule 15(a) provides: (1) Amending as a Matter of Course. A party may amend its pleading once as a matter of course, within:

(A)21 days after serving it,

**16.** In view thereof, APPELLANT most respectfully manifests sincerity and veracity in the relief prayed for herein and that the same is not in any way intended to delay the proceedings Thereof.

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**PRAYER**

**WHEREFORE**, it is most respectfully prayed of this Honorable Court that APPELLANTS be given No extra time because the on February 19, 2026, Appellate filed her amended notices of appeal within which file and submit APPELLANT Amended Notice of Appeal APPELLANT pray for such other reliefs as may be just and equitable in the premises.

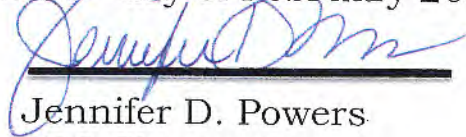
*Greetings!*

Please take notice that the APPELLANT, appellant Jennifer D. Powers hereinafter "The"), pro se, APPELLANT is submitting the foregoing EX-PARTE APPELLANT MOTION REQUESTING

PERMISSION TO FILE AMENDED NOTICE OF APPEAL APPELLANTS

Amended Notice of Appeal. for the consideration and approval of the Honorable Court without the Appellant seeking leave to Amend her complaint, this motion

Respectfully submitted on this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026



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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

WE HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of my EX-PARTE APPELLANT MOTION REQUESTING PERMISSION TO FILE AMENDED NOTICE OF APPEAL, the APPELLANT Amended Notice of Appeal will be sent by regular to File APPELLANT Amended Notice of Appeal will be sent by regular U.S. Mail to The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings Clerk, South Carolina Court of Appeals Post Office Box 11629 Columbia, South Carolina 29211, And by regular U.S. Mail to all parties of Record by Hand Delivery

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**EXHIBIT-A**

(The South Carolina Court of Appeals)

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**and Attorney Brandon Keith Poston, individual, Respondents.**

All future filings should be changed to reflect this title. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Clerk's office.

Very truly yours,

  
CLERK

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The Honorable Bradley Caulder

**EXHIBIT-B**

(The South Carolina Court of Appeals)

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*Jasmine D. Smith, Deputy*  
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**EXHIBIT-C**

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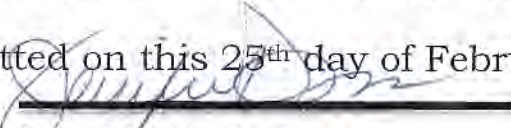
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I certify that I have served the AMENDED NOTICE OF APPEAL, on Brian Dumas,  
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in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, on February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026, address  
Brian Dumas, Attorney LLC 718 Clemson Road Columbia, SC 29229 by  
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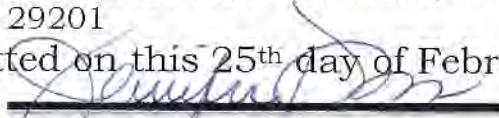
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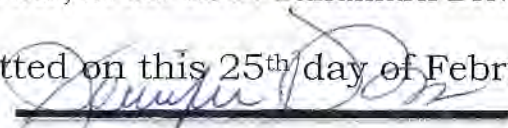
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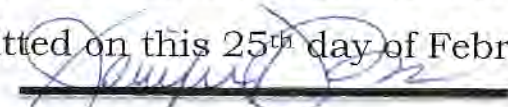
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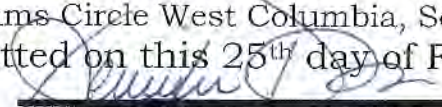
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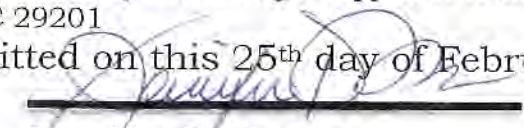
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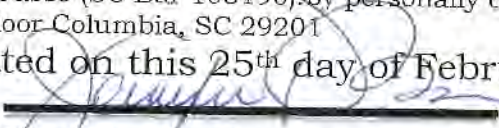
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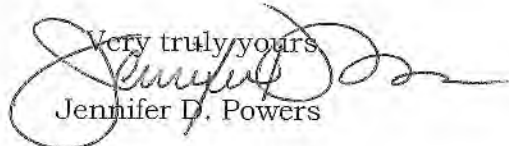
Dear Ms. Kitchings:

As requested by this Court, On February 9, 2026, See Exhibit A and  
February 19, 2026, See Exhibit B, Appellate Submitting on Wednesday,  
February 25, 2026, EX-PARTE APPELLANT MOTION REQUESTING  
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Enclosed herewith please find the original and one copy of the  
following:

1. Motion, to Amend Under Rule 15(a), Rule 15(a)(1), Rule 15(a)(2)
2. EX-PARTE APPELLANT MOTION REQUESTING PERMISSION  
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3. A clerk is not permitted to refuse filing a document for form  
as Required by rule 5.(d)(4) of the Federal Rules of Civil  
Procedures specifically, state.
4. 5.(d)(4) Acceptance by the clerk. A clerk must not refuse to  
file A paper solely because it is not in the form prescribed by  
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Kindly return a time stamped copy of all documents to us. A return envelope Has been  
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Very truly yours,  
  
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COME NOW, Pursuant to Rule 240, SCACR, appellant Jennifer D.  
Powers hereinafter "The"), Appellants, pro se ("POWERS"), moves the  
court in the above captioned proceedings; respectfully requests the  
Court allow the filing of the Appellant, EX-PARTE APPELLANT  
MOTION REQUESTING PERMISSION TO FILE AMENDED NOTICE

OF APPEAL, in lieu of the original Notice of Appeal. In support of his/her motion, Appellant shows unto the Court:

COME NOW, Pursuant to Rule 240, SCACR, appellant Jennifer D. Powers Hereinafter "The"); Appellants, pro se ("POWERS") moves to amend their Notice of Appeal and moves for no extension of time in which to serve and file appellant Amended Notice of Appeal "To all parties of record" On Judgment Order entered on January 30, 2026, by Hon, Brian M. Gibbons Magistrate Judge/ Attorney Bar # 65091, Circuit Court Appellate Case No. 2025CP2000275, by granting the Defendants motion to dismiss and by dismissing Plaintiff's in this action as states:

**1.** That we are proceeding in a court of Constitutional Due Process under Article III of the Constitution of the United States for America, and the common law

**2.** Pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 15(a) and 15(a)(1), Rule 15(a)(2), the Appellants hereby submit this Motion to File their Amended Complaint. The Appellant don't seek leave to Amend Their complaint, this motion is timely for having been filed by the Appellants on February 6, 2026, the Appellants Notice of Appeal of

Appellant, the Incoming (Notice of Appeal of Appellant) As requested by this Court on February 6, 2026,

3. on February 9, 2026, On February 23, 2026 Appellate received a letter from JENNY ABBOTT KITCHINGS CLERK, CATHERINE S. HARRISON CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK as followed: Re: Estate of Robert E. Powers Jr. v. The Hon. Bradley Caulder Appellate Case No. 2026-000263, Dear Ms. Powers: The Court received multiple notices of appeal in this case. The notices of appeal have been consolidated for consideration by the Court, and we anticipate receiving one record on appeal. The times for perfecting the appeal will run from the date of service of the last notice of appeal. **Exhibit A**

4. on February 19, 2026, Appellate filed her amended notices of appeal.

5. On February 23, 2026 Appellate received a letter from JENNY ABBOTT KITCHINGS CLERK, CATHERINE S. HARRISON CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK as followed: Re: Estate of Robert E. Powers Jr. v. The Hon. Bradley Caulder Appellate Case No. 2026-000263, Dear Ms. Powers: The Court has received your amended notices of appeal. If you wish to amend your notices of appeal, you must file a motion pursuant to Rule 240, South Carolina Appellate Court Rules. **Exhibit B**

6. The amended Motion is accompanied by EX-PARTE APPELLANT MOTION REQUESTING PERMISSION TO FILE AMENDED NOTICE OF APPEAL

7. The Rules provide that "leave to amend shall be freely given when justice so requires." FED.R.CIV. P. 15(a). And given that This motion is timely, and discovery is just beginning, there will be no prejudice to the current Respondent. As such, the Appellants respectfully request that the Court grant this motion to amend, and direct clerk to file the attached Second Amended brief.

8. Appellants of their right to file an amended complaint under Rule 15. If in conflict, the Local Rule must yield to the federal rule, here Rule 15. [ **See Colgrove v. Battin**, 413 U.S. 149, 1618 (1973).

9. that Rule 15 confers a "right" to amend upon parties. **See Lacey v. Maricopa Cty.**, 693 F.3d 896, 927 (9th Cir. 2012), parties have twenty-one days "to amend as of right"); **Rick-Mik Enters., Inc. v. Equion Enters. LLC**, 532 F.3d 963, 977 (9th Cir. 2008), explaining in amendment context that until a responsive

pleading is filed or a final judgment of the case is entered, the Appellants had an absolute right to amend”); **Shaver v. Operating Eng’rs Local 428 Pension Trust Fund**, 332 F.3d 1198, 1201 (9th Cir. 2003) (before a responsive pleading was filed and before the case was dismissed, the Appellants “had an absolute right to amend their complaint”); **Sanford v. Motts**, 258 F.3d 1117, 1120 (9th Cir. 2001) ([Rule 15(a)] “gives an Appellants one opportunity to amend as of right.

10. pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 15(a), to seek leave of court before filing his Second Amended Complaint. The panel held that Rule 15(a) does not impose any particular timing mechanism governing the order in which amendments must be made. Because plaintiff’s First Amended Complaint, filed with consent of the opposing party, complied with Rule 15(a)(2) as an “Other amendment,” Appellants was permitted to file a timely Second Amended Complaint “as a matter of course” under Rule 15(a)(1), without seeking leave of court. Accordingly,

**RAMIREZ V. CTY. OF SAN BERNARDINO.**

11. The appellant's initial notices of appeal were presently due to be filed No Later Than February 6, 2026, Notice of Appeal (Civil) -

**12.** on February 19, 2026, Appellate filed her amended notices of appeal.

**13.** Pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 15(a) and 15(a)(1), and 15(a)(2). And given that this motion is timely, the Appellants hereby submit this Motion to File their Amended Complaint. The Appellants don't seek leave to amend her complaint because the consent of all adverse parties was Pursuant to Rule 240, SCACR, and Pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 15(a) and 15(a)(1), the Appellants hereby submit this Motion to File their Amended Complaint. The Appellants don't seek leave to amend Their complaint, as such, the Appellants respectfully request that the Court grant this motion to amend, and direct clerk to file the attached Amended EX-PARTE APPELLANT MOTION REQUESTING PERMISSION TO FILE AMENDED NOTICE OF APPEAL of the Appellants,

1. Attached hereto is the Official Receipt for the payment of the Appeal Fee For Case No. 2025CP2000274, the Date February 6, 2026, (See **Exhibit C**,

2. Attached hereto is the Official Receipt for the payment of the Appeal Fee For Case No. 2025CP2000275, the Date February 6, 2026, (See **Exhibit D**,

**14.** The appellant Jennifer D. Powers, highly respect this

honorable Court, the appellant Jennifer D. Powers, is requesting this honorable to keep these cases separated Because on remanded from The Hon, Brian M. Gibbons Magistrate Judge, The Hon. Bradley Caulder Have two different Orders from the Probate Court.

**15.** Rule 15(a) provides: (1) Amending as a Matter of Course. A party may amend its pleading once as a matter of course, within:  
(A)21 days after serving it,

**16.** In view thereof, APPELLANT most respectfully manifests sincerity and veracity in the relief prayed for herein and that the same is not in any way intended to delay the proceedings Thereof.

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**PRAYER**

**WHEREFORE**, it is most respectfully prayed of this Honorable Court that APPELLANTS be given No extra time because the on February 19, 2026, Appellate filed her amended notices of appeal within which file and submit APPELLANT Amended Notice of Appeal APPELLANT pray for such other reliefs as may be just and equitable in the premises.

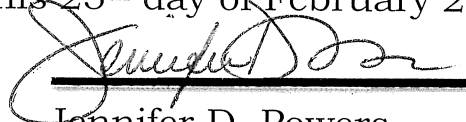
*Greetings!*

Please take notice that the APPELLANT, appellant Jennifer D. Powers hereinafter "The"), pro se, APPELLANT is submitting the foregoing EX-PARTE APPELLANT MOTION REQUESTING

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Amended Notice of Appeal. for the consideration and approval of the Honorable Court without the Appellant seeking leave to Amend her complaint, this motion

Respectfully submitted on this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer D. Powers", is written over a solid black horizontal line.

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WE HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of my EX-PARTE APPELLANT MOTION REQUESTING PERMISSION TO FILE AMENDED NOTICE OF APPEAL, the APPELLANT Amended Notice of Appeal will be sent by regular to File APPELLANT Amended Notice of Appeal will be sent by regular U.S. Mail to The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings Clerk, South Carolina Court of Appeals Post Office Box 11629 Columbia, South Carolina 29211, And by regular U.S. Mail to all parties of Record by Hand Delivery

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February 9, 2026

Jennifer D. Powers  
708 Chester St.  
Columbia SC 29201

Re: Estate of Robert E. Powers Jr. v. The Hon. Bradley Caulder  
Appellate Case No. 2026-000263

Dear Ms. Powers:

The Court received multiple notices of appeal in this case. The notices of appeal have been consolidated for consideration by the Court, and we anticipate receiving one record on appeal. The times for perfecting the appeal will run from the date of service of the last notice of appeal.

The title in this matter has been changed to read as follows:

**Estate of Robert E. Powers Jr., Jennifer D. Powers, Personal Representative,  
Appellant,**

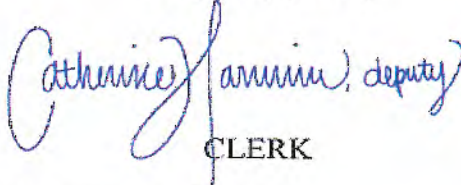
**v.**

**The Hon. Bradley Caulder as an individual, Law Office of Barbara E. Brunson, as guardian ad litem for Robert Edward Powers, Jr., Barbara Brunson, individual, Family Services, Inc., d/b/a Origin SC, as Conservator for Robert E. Powers, Jr., Caprice Atterbury, as an individual, Traci Strickland, as an individual, Leslie P. Taylor, as Guardian for Robert E. Powers, Jr., Leslie P. Taylor, individual, Attorney Brian Dumas, individual,**

**and Attorney Brandon Keith Poston, individual, Respondents.**

All future filings should be changed to reflect this title. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Clerk's office.

Very truly yours,

  
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cc: Gray Thomas Culbreath, Esquire  
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Matthew A. Abee, Esquire  
Connor Taylor Jasso, Esquire  
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Dear Ms. Powers:

The Court has received your amended notices of appeal. If you wish to amend your notices of appeal, you must file a motion pursuant to Rule 240, South Carolina Appellate Court Rules.

Very truly yours,

*Jasmine D. Smith, Deputy*  
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cc: Gray Thomas Culbreath, Esquire  
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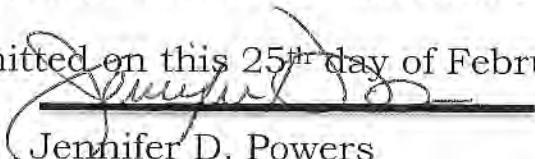
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Submitted: February 6, 2026 Decided: January 30, 2026,

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Attorney LLC 718 Clemson Road Columbia, SC 29229 by depositing a copy of it  
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Brian Dumas, Attorney LLC 718 Clemson Road Columbia, SC 29229 by  
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•Respectfully submitted on this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026



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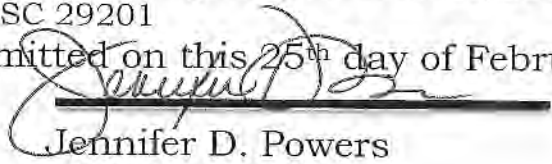
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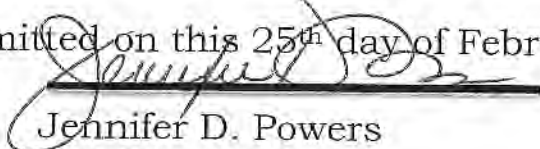
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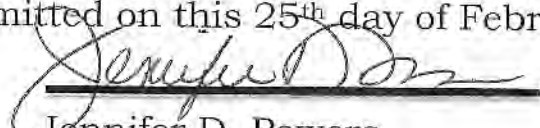
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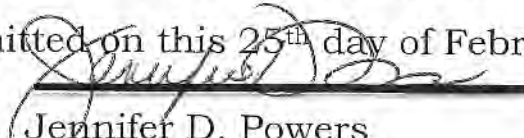
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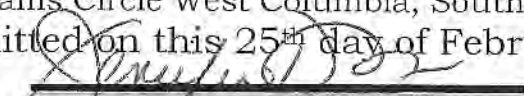
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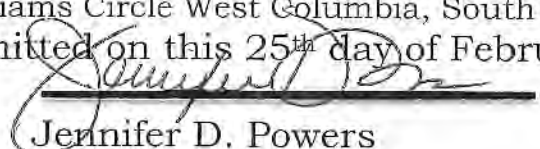
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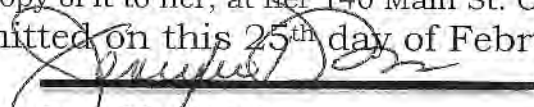
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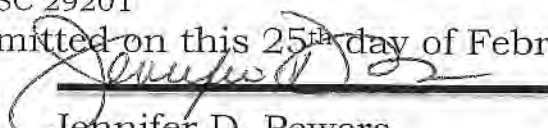
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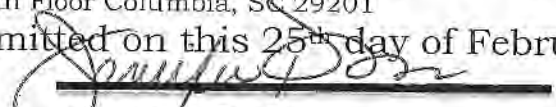
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# CASE 75

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Wednesday, February 25, 2026

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The Hon. Dorothy Boyd Belton  
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RE: Estate of Robert E. Powers Jr. v. The Hon. Bradley Caulder  
Appellate Case No. 2026-000263

RE: Circuit Court Appellate Case No. 2025CP2000275

Dear Ms. Belton:

As requested by this Court, On February 9, 2026, See Exhibit A and  
February 19, 2026, See Exhibit B, Appellate Submitting on Wednesday,  
February 25, 2026, EX-PARTE APPELLANT MOTION REQUESTING  
PERMISSION TO FILE AMENDED NOTICE OF APPEAL.

Enclosed herewith please find the original and one copy of the  
following:

1. Motion, to Amend Under Rule 15(a), Rule 15(a)(1), Rule 15(a)(2)
2. EX-PARTE APPELLANT MOTION REQUESTING PERMISSION  
TO FILE AMENDED NOTICE OF APPEAL
3. A clerk is not permitted to refuse filing a document for form  
as Required by rule 5.(d)(4) of the Federal Rules of Civil  
Procedures specifically, state.
4. 5.(d)(4) Acceptance by the clerk. A clerk must not refuse to  
file A paper solely because it is not in the form prescribed by  
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Kindly return a time stamped copy of all documents to us. A return envelope Has been  
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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
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APPEAL FROM THE CIRCUIT COURT COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD  
Court of Common Pleas

Hon, Brian M. Gibbons Magistrate Judge

Circuit Court Appellate Case No. 2025CP2000275

Estate of Robert E. Powers Jr., Jennifer D. Powers, Personal  
Representative..... Appellant,

v.

The Hon. Bradley Caulder as an individual, Law Office of Barbara E.  
Brunson, as guardian ad litem for Robert Edward Powers, Jr.,  
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Poston, individual..... Respondents.

Submitted: February 6, 2026 Decided: January 30, 2026,

EX-PARTE APPELLANT MOTION REQUESTING PERMISSION  
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COME NOW, Pursuant to Rule 240, SCACR, appellant Jennifer D.  
Powers hereinafter "The"), Appellants, pro se ("POWERS"), moves the  
court in the above captioned proceedings; respectfully requests the  
Court allow the filing of the Appellant, EX-PARTE APPELLANT  
MOTION REQUESTING PERMISSION TO FILE AMENDED NOTICE

OF APPEAL, in lieu of the original Notice of Appeal. In support of his/her motion, Appellant shows unto the Court:

COME NOW, Pursuant to Rule 240, SCACR, appellant Jennifer D. Powers Hereinafter "The"); Appellants, pro se ("POWERS") moves to amend their Notice of Appeal and moves for no extension of time in which to serve and file appellant Amended Notice of Appeal "To all parties of record" On Judgment Order entered on January 30, 2026, by Hon, Brian M. Gibbons Magistrate Judge/ Attorney Bar # 65091, Circuit Court Appellate Case No. 2025CP2000275, by granting the Defendants motion to dismiss and by dismissing Plaintiff's in this action as states:

1. That we are proceeding in a court of Constitutional Due Process under Article III of the Constitution of the United States for America, and the common law

2. Pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 15(a) and 15(a)(1), Rule 15(a)(2), the Appellants hereby submit this Motion to File their Amended Complaint. The Appellant don't seek leave to Amend Their complaint, this motion is timely for having been filed by the Appellants on February 6, 2026, the Appellants Notice of Appeal of

Appellant, the Incoming (Notice of Appeal of Appellant) As requested by this Court on February 6, 2026,

3. on February 9, 2026, On February 23, 2026 Appellate received a letter from JENNY ABBOTT KITCHINGS CLERK, CATHERINE S. HARRISON CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK as followed: Re: Estate of Robert E. Powers Jr. v. The Hon. Bradley Caulder Appellate Case No. 2026-000263, Dear Ms. Powers: The Court received multiple notices of appeal in this case. The notices of appeal have been consolidated for consideration by the Court, and we anticipate receiving one record on appeal. The times for perfecting the appeal will run from the date of service of the last notice of appeal. **Exhibit A**

4. on February 19, 2026, Appellate filed her amended notices of appeal.

5. On February 23, 2026 Appellate received a letter from JENNY ABBOTT KITCHINGS CLERK, CATHERINE S. HARRISON CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK as followed: Re: Estate of Robert E. Powers Jr. v. The Hon. Bradley Caulder Appellate Case No. 2026-000263, Dear Ms. Powers: The Court has received your amended notices of appeal. If you wish to amend your notices of appeal, you must file a motion pursuant to Rule 240, South Carolina Appellate Court Rules. **Exhibit B**

6. The amended Motion is accompanied by EX-PARTE APPELLANT MOTION REQUESTING PERMISSION TO FILE AMENDED NOTICE OF APPEAL

7. The Rules provide that "leave to amend shall be freely given when justice so requires." FED.R.CIV. P. 15(a). And given that This motion is timely, and discovery is just beginning, there will be no prejudice to the current Respondent. As such, the Appellants respectfully request that the Court grant this motion to amend, and direct clerk to file the attached Second Amended brief.

8. Appellants of their right to file an amended complaint under Rule 15. If in conflict, the Local Rule must yield to the federal rule, here Rule 15. [ **See Colgrove v. Battin**, 413 U.S. 149, 1618 (1973).

9. that Rule 15 confers a "right" to amend upon parties. **See Lacey v. Maricopa Cty.**, 693 F.3d 896, 927 (9th Cir. 2012), parties have twenty-one days "to amend as of right"); **Rick-Mik Enters., Inc. v. Equion Enters. LLC**, 532 F.3d 963, 977 (9th Cir. 2008), explaining in amendment context that until a responsive pleading is filed or a final judgment of the case is entered, the

Appellants had an absolute right to amend”); **Shaver v. Operating Eng’rs Local 428 Pension Trust Fund**, 332 F.3d 1198, 1201 (9th Cir. 2003) (before a responsive pleading was filed and before the case was dismissed, the Appellants “had an absolute right to amend their complaint”); **Sanford v. Motts**, 258 F.3d 1117, 1120 (9th Cir. 2001) ([Rule 15(a)] “gives an Appellants one opportunity to amend as of right.

10. pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 15(a), to seek leave of court before filing his Second Amended Complaint. The panel held that Rule 15(a) does not impose any particular timing mechanism governing the order in which amendments must be made. Because plaintiff’s First Amended Complaint, filed with consent of the opposing party, complied with Rule 15(a)(2) as an “Other amendment,” Appellants was permitted to file a timely Second Amended Complaint “as a matter of course” under Rule 15(a)(1), without seeking leave of court. Accordingly,

**RAMIREZ V. CTY. OF SAN BERNARDINO.**

11. The appellant's initial notices of appeal were presently due to be filed No Later Than February 6, 2026, Notice of Appeal (Civil) -

12. on February 19, 2026, Appellate filed her amended notices

of appeal.

**13.** Pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 15(a) and 15(a)(1), and 15(a)(2). And given that this motion is timely, the Appellants hereby submit this Motion to File their Amended Complaint. The Appellants don't seek leave to amend her complaint because the consent of all adverse parties was Pursuant to Rule 240, SCACR, and Pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 15(a) and 15(a)(1), the Appellants hereby submit this Motion to File their Amended Complaint. The Appellants don't seek leave to amend Their complaint, as such, the Appellants respectfully request that the Court grant this motion to amend, and direct clerk to file the attached Amended EX-PARTE APPELLANT MOTION REQUESTING PERMISSION TO FILE AMENDED NOTICE OF APPEAL of the Appellants,

1. Attached hereto is the Official Receipt for the payment of the Appeal Fee For Case No. 2025CP2000274, the Date February 6, 2026, (See **Exhibit C**,

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**14.** The appellant Jennifer D. Powers, highly respect this honorable Court, the appellant Jennifer D. Powers, is requesting this honorable to keep these cases separated Because on remanded from

The Hon, Brian M. Gibbons Magistrate Judge, The Hon. Bradley Caulder Have two different Orders from the Probate Court.

**15.** Rule 15(a) provides: (1) Amending as a Matter of Course. A party may amend its pleading once as a matter of course, within:

(A) 21 days after serving it,

**16.** In view thereof, APPELLANT most respectfully manifests sincerity and veracity in the relief prayed for herein and that the same is not in any way intended to delay the proceedings Thereof.

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**PRAYER**

**WHEREFORE**, it is most respectfully prayed of this Honorable Court that APPELLANTS be given No extra time because the on February 19, 2026, Appellate filed her amended notices of appeal within which file and submit APPELLANT Amended Notice of Appeal APPELLANT pray for such other reliefs as may be just and equitable in the premises.

*Greetings!*

Please take notice that the APPELLANT, appellant Jennifer D.

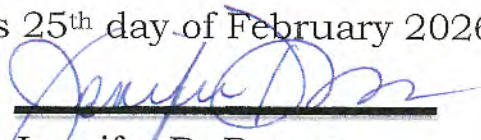
Powers hereinafter "The"), pro se, APPELLANT is submitting the

foregoing EX-PARTE APPELLANT MOTION REQUESTING

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Amended Notice of Appeal. for the consideration and approval of the Honorable Court without the Appellant seeking leave to Amend her complaint, this motion

Respectfully submitted on this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026



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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

WE HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of my EX-PARTE APPELLANT MOTION REQUESTING PERMISSION TO FILE AMENDED NOTICE OF APPEAL, the APPELLANT Amended Notice of Appeal will be sent by regular to File APPELLANT Amended Notice of Appeal will be sent by regular U.S. Mail to The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings Clerk, South Carolina Court of Appeals Post Office Box 11629 Columbia, South Carolina 29211, And by regular U.S. Mail to all parties of Record by Hand Delivery

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**EXHIBIT-A**

(The South Carolina Court of Appeals)  
February 9, 2026



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Appellant,**

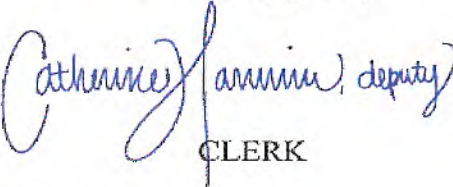
**v.**

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and Attorney Brandon Keith Poston, individual, Respondents.

All future filings should be changed to reflect this title. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Clerk's office.

Very truly yours,

  
CLERK

cc: Gray Thomas Culbreath, Esquire  
John Edward Cuttino, Esquire  
Matthew A. Abee, Esquire  
Connor Taylor Jasso, Esquire  
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Brian Dumas, Esquire  
The Honorable Bradley Caulder

**EXHIBIT-B**

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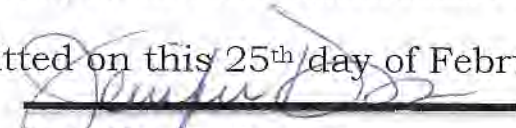
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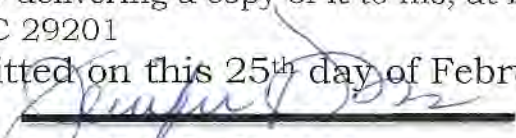
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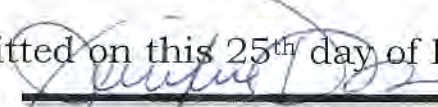
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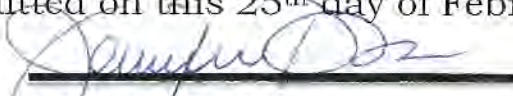
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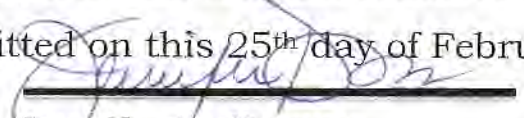
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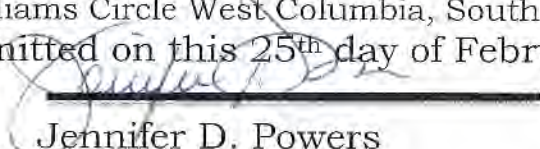
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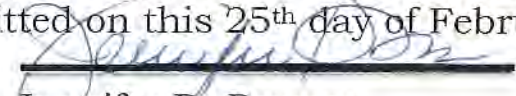
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# **EXHIBIT B**

June 30, 2025 Order

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
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 COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD )  
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 IN THE MATTER OF )  
 THE ESTATE OF ROBERT E. )  
 POWERS, JR. )  
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 Jennifer Powers as Personal )  
 Representative, )  
 Plaintiff, )  
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 vs. )  
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 The Hon. Bradley W. Caulder as )  
 An individual, etal. )  
 Defendants. )

IN THE PROBATE COURT  
 CASE NUMBER 2023ES20000136

ORDER

**FILED**  
 JUN 30 2025  
 PROBATE COURT  
 FAIRFIELD COUNTY

Date of Hearing: June 12, 2025  
 Presiding Judge: Bradley W. Caulder  
 Plaintiff: Jennifer Powers

This matter came before the Court for a hearing upon the filing of a “Motion To Disqualify Under SC Code 16-9-20(2)” by Jennifer Powers, Personal Representative, on May 2, 2025. Additionally stated is “Plaintiff Emergency Motion For An Ex-Parte Temporary Restraining Order With And Permanent Injunction With Asset Freeze Appointment Of Receiver, Expedited Discovery, And Other Equitable Relief”. The Motion references Fairfield County Probate Court case numbers 2022-GS-20-00001 and 2023-ES-20-00136. Although ambiguous, the Court infers Ms. Powers’ intent to enjoin this Court and the parties involved in the Decedent’s previous Guardianship/Conservatorship appointment proceedings in Richland County Probate Court where the case originated. In response, Motions to Dismiss were filed by Leslie Powers-Taylor, John Cuttino as counsel representing the Law Office of Barbara E. Brunson, Brian Dumas, and Brandon Keith Poston represented by Connor Jasso. Other filings by Ms. Powers are “Request For Judicial Notice In Support Of Plaintiffs’ Opposition To Court

Order For Hearing On All Defendant's To The Action From The County of Fairfield" and "Plaintiff Response To Defendant's Motion To Dismiss". Parties represented at the hearing were: Jennifer Powers, Connor T. Jasso, Esq. for Defendant Brandon Keith Poston, Matthew A. Abee, Esq. for Defendant Brandon Keith Poston, Gray T. Culbreath, Esq. for Defendant Barbara E. Brunson, Brian Dumas, Esq. Defendant *pro se*, Tina Nelson Kinsey and Leslie Powers Taylor. During her presentation, Ms. Powers challenged the jurisdiction of the Court to hear the matter, requested an oath of office and license to practice law submitted by each attorney, and moved that the Court vacate all previous Orders in relation to the estate, guardianship, and conservatorship of Robert E. Powers. Ms. Powers left the hearing shortly thereafter. Upon her departure, the hearing was closed. The Court will decide on the Motions as filed. Based upon the pleadings and evidence presented, I make the following

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Guardian and Conservator for Robert E. Powers, Jr. were appointed by the Richland County Probate Court. The case was transferred to the Fairfield County Probate Court on January 27, 2022 due to Mr. Powers residing in Fairfield County.
2. Guardian, Leslie P. Taylor, and Conservator, Family Services, Inc, for Robert E. Powers, Case Number 2022GC2000001, were relieved from their appointments due to the death of Robert E. Powers, Jr. on May 2, 2023.
3. The Estate of Robert Edward Powers, Jr. is currently being administered in the Fairfield County Probate Court Case Number 2023ES2000136.
4. No Summons and Petition have been filed with this Court and subsequently served properly by the Plaintiff.

5. Although the Plaintiff cites numerous cases and statutory law in her filings, she fails to state any relevant facts or establish justiciable controversy thereof; or, submit any evidence sufficient to constitute a cause of action as it relates to the estate of the Decedent.
6. The Court cannot reasonably ascertain any matter pertinent to the administration of the estate of the Decedent from the Plaintiff's filings.
7. Personal Representative Jennifer Powers, refers to herself as a *pro se* Plaintiff, is not a licensed attorney in the state of South Carolina.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

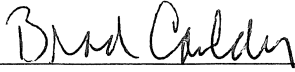
1. Pursuant to SCRP Rule 3(a) and S.C. Code Ann § 14-23-280 a summons and complaint are required for the commencement of a civil action; therefore, this Court has no personal jurisdiction over the Respondents.
2. Plaintiff's filings lack any facts or grounds in which this Court would have subject matter jurisdiction of pursuant to S.C. Code Ann § 62-1-302 and SCRP Rule 8(a)(1).
3. Venue is improper pursuant to S.C. Code Ann § 15-7-40.
4. Plaintiff has no standing to file a civil action in this Court as it relates to the estate of the Decedent pursuant to S.C. Code Ann § 40-5-310 and *Brown v. Coe*, 365 S.C. 137, 142, 616 S.E.2d 705, 708, *order clarified*, 365 S.C. 664, 620 S.E.2d 323(2005).
5. Plaintiff's pleadings are frivolous in nature pursuant to S.C. Code Ann § 15-36-10(A)(3)(b)(d).
6. Plaintiff's filings constitute grounds for dismissal pursuant to SCRP Rule 12(b)(1)(2)(3)(4)(5)(6).

**THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED** that

1. The Plaintiff's Motions as stated and filed are hereby **DISMISSED** with prejudice.
2. Plaintiff Jennifer Powers take notice that future filings of this nature may result in the imposition of sanctions by this Court.

**AND IT IS SO ORDERED!**

June 30, 2025  
Winnsboro, SC

  
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Bradley W. Caulder, Probate Judge

# **EXHIBIT C**

## **January 30, 2026 Order of Dismissal**

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD )

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS )  
IN THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT )

Estate of Robert E. Powers Jr., Jennifer D. )  
Powers, Personal Representative, )

Civil Action No.: 2025-CP-20-00274 and 275 )

Plaintiff/Appellant, )

**ORDER OF DISMISSAL**

vs. )

The Hon. Bradley Caulder as an individual, )  
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guardian ad litem for Robert Edward )  
Powers, Jr., Barbara Brunson, individual, )  
Family Services, Inc., d/b/a Origin SC, as )  
Conservator for Robert E. Powers, Jr., )  
Caprice Atterbury, as an individual, Traci )  
Strickland, as an individual, Leslie P. )  
Taylor, as Guardian for Rober E. Powers, )  
Jr., Leslie P. Taylor, individual, Attorney )  
Brian Dumas, individual, and Attorney )  
Brandon Keith Poston, individual, )

Defendants/Respondents. )

These matters come before the Court on various Motions to Dismiss filed by Defendants/Respondents Keith Poston, Esq., Brian Dumas, Esq., and Barbara Brunson, Esq., individually as well as the Law Office of Barbara E. Brunson. A hearing was conducted on January 27, 2026 in Fairfield County, South Carolina. After further review and deliberation, Defendants' Motions to Dismiss are respectfully GRANTED and these matters are dismissed with prejudice for the reasons stated below.

**Procedural Background**

This appeal, as near as the Court can tell, appears to originate out of various probate matters which began in Richland County concerning the Estate of the Plaintiff/Appellant's late father. Since these probate matters began in 2020, Plaintiff/Appellant Jennifer D. Powers has continually

filed lengthy, confusing, and essentially incomprehensible “motions” against a litany of defendants.

The Court must note at the outset that it is unclear what order the Plaintiff/Appellant purports to appeal. In their various Motions to Dismiss, the Defendants correctly note that, in her Notice of Intent to File Suit filed in this Court, the Plaintiff/Appellant marked the box for a probate court appeal, yet attached as a supporting exhibit an order from our Court of Appeals dismissing her direct appeal to that court (filed September 9, 2025). Alternatively, the Defendants theorize in their motions to dismiss that the Plaintiff/Appellant meant to appeal the June 30, 2025 order of the Probate Court, or as a third alternative that she meant to appeal the September 10, 2025 order of the Probate Court. Regardless of which order she intended to appeal, there are myriad procedural issues with each of them, discussed in more detail below.

### **Discussion and Order**

#### *1) Procedural Defects with Plaintiff/Appellant's Filings Deprive this Court of Jurisdiction.*

The first of many issues with this appeal is Plaintiff/Appellant's failure to make timely or proper filings. If she intended to appeal the Court of Appeals' Order dismissing her appeal, (as it would appear from her Notice of Intent to File Suit which contained that Order as an exhibit) it would not properly be before this Court, as a decision of our Court of Appeals cannot be appealed “down” to the Circuit Court.

If she intended to appeal the June 30 Order of the Probate Court, she again did not do so timely. On July 18, 2025, she (improperly) filed a notice of appeal with the Court of Appeals, but neglected to file a notice of appeal with the Circuit Court within 10 days as required by S.C. Code § 62-1-308(a). Plaintiff/Appellant instead attempted to file a direct appeal to the Court of Appeals



without the necessary consent of all parties contemplated by S.C. Code § 62-1-308(1). Therefore, if this was the Order she intended to appeal, she failed to do so timely and failed to follow proper procedure.

Finally, if Plaintiff/Appellant intended to appeal the September 10, 2025 Order of the Probate Court, she arguably filed her appeal timely on September 15, five days later. However, even if this was the case, she failed to file a Statement of Issues on Appeal within 45 days as required by S.C. Code Ann. § 62-1-308(b). Again, this failure to timely file required companion pleadings warrants dismissal. *See, e.g., Montgomery v. Keziah*, 277 S.C. 84, 85 (1981) (affirming court's dismissal of appeal due to failure to file the grounds of appeal as required by statute).

The above is sufficient to warrant procedural dismissal of this appeal because the failure to properly follow deadlines and filing procedures deprives this Court of jurisdiction over these matters. However, in the interest of thoroughness the Court will address the other grounds for dismissal raised in Defendants' motions.

*2) Appellant failed to properly serve any defendants.*

The Plaintiff/Appellant, in attempting to serve the Defendants, opted to do so via FedEx, rather than certified mail as required under the applicable rules of procedure. Further, she "served" the Defendants at their office addresses rather than on their various attorneys, all in violation of S.C. Code § 62-1-304, Rule 5(b)(1), SCRCP, and Rule 262(c), SCACR. Therefore, this Court lacks jurisdiction over these Defendants because they were not properly served with process. Therefore, these matters should be procedurally dismissed on these grounds.

*3) No grounds for appeal nor any relief sought can be understood from Plaintiff/Appellant's briefing.*



Rule 8, SCRCP, requires a party to set forth a short and plain statement of the grounds for jurisdiction, facts, and a prayer for relief. It is nearly impossible to discern from Plaintiff/Appellant's briefing any plain statement of facts regarding any of these Defendants, nor is there a clear statement of the relief sought. Instead, her filings amount to an extremely lengthy and confusing discussion of matters seemingly related to the probate court proceedings, as well as pointing to numerous statutes and cases which are largely inapplicable here (for example, a litany of federal procedural rules and case law). To the extent any relief requested can be discerned, it appears that Plaintiff/Appellant seeks to have a United States Magistrate Judge hear this appeal. However, for a Federal Magistrate to hear any portion of a case, it must be in Federal Court, which this case clearly is not.

Thus, the Plaintiff/Appellant has failed to present cognizable grounds for suit, failed to plead specific facts as against any Defendant, and seeks no clear relief other than the plainly futile attempt to have a Federal Magistrate hear the case. Again, these failures subject Appellant's claims to substantive dismissal with prejudice.

4) *Appellant lacks standing to bring this action or pursue an appeal on behalf of an estate.*

Plaintiff/Appellant is not a licensed attorney and therefore lacks standing to pursue this action in a representative capacity as a pro se litigant. The Supreme Court has made it clear that a non-lawyer personal representative cannot represent an estate. *Brown v. Coe*, 365 S.C. 142, (2005). The Court finds that the Probate Court was correct in dismissing Plaintiff/Appellant's motions in that court on the grounds that she had no standing to file a civil action on behalf of her father's estate. Likewise, this Court agrees that the appeals must be substantively dismissed.



5) *Sanctions.*

Finally, the Court finds that for all the reasons stated above, this “Appeal” constitutes frivolous litigation. Plaintiff/Appellant is hereby cautioned that **any future filings** regarding these matters may be subject to severe financial and injunctive sanctions in accordance with the South Carolina Frivolous Civil Proceedings Sanctions Act, S.C. Code § 15-36-10. This order ends these cases with finality.

The Court notes that at the hearing, Ms. Tina Nelson Kinsey passed up various documents including one styled as a “Motion for Protective Order” on behalf of Leslie Powers Taylor. This motion was not filed or docketed and therefore was not properly before the court, so it has not been considered in issuing this order. Besides, this Order dismisses these actions with prejudice and cautions the Plaintiff/Appellant regarding pursuing further litigation. However, nothing prevents Ms. Kinsey or Ms. Taylor from seeking a restraining order through Magistrate’s Court.

Finally, the Court has reviewed the recent filings made in the days following the hearing—these filings continue to cite irrelevant Rules of Federal Procedure. The relief requested in those filings is denied, to the extent that any request for relief can be discerned. These cases are dismissed. Any future filings must be filed with the appellate courts should the Plaintiff/Appellant choose to appeal.

B



**Conclusion**

Therefore, for the reasons stated above, the Defendants' Motions to Dismiss are hereby GRANTED and these appeals are dismissed with prejudice.

**AND IT IS SO ORDERED.**



Judge Brian M. Gibbons  
Resident Judge  
Sixth Judicial Circuit

Fairfield, South Carolina  
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s/Brian M. Gibbons #2168 Circuit Judge

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