

# The Supreme Court of South Carolina

Ira Banks, James Bell, and Vernon Holmes, Respondents,

v.

St. Matthew Baptist Church, an Unincorporated  
Association, and Clinton Brantley, of whom Clinton  
Brantley is the, Petitioner.

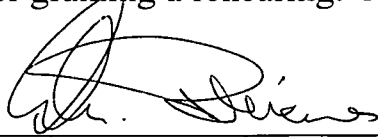

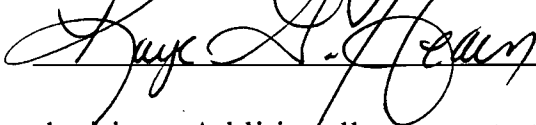
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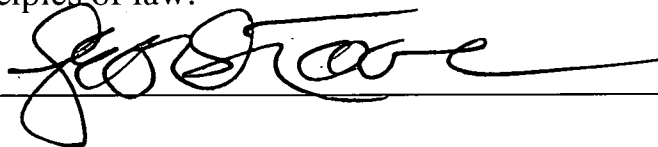
## ORDER

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After careful consideration of the petition for rehearing, the Court is unable to discover that any material fact or principle of law has been either overlooked or disregarded, and hence, there is no basis for granting a rehearing. Accordingly, the petition for rehearing is denied.

  
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We would grant the petition for rehearing. Additionally, we note that to the extent the petition for rehearing indicates a belief that the majority opinion conclusively resolved the First Amendment issue in this case, the petition for rehearing is mistaken. The majority opinion resolves the First Amendment issue only for purposes of the motion to dismiss, and the issue may arise again should factual development establish that adjudication of the defamation claim cannot be accomplished through neutral principles of law.

  
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C.J.

*Julie J. Armstrong*

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J.

Columbia, South Carolina

December 5, 2013

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The Honorable Julie J. Armstrong