

Andrei Savenkov
PLAINTIFF(S)

Michael Brooks Derrick
DEFENDANT(S)

DISPOSITION TYPE (CHECK ONE)

- JURY VERDICT.** This action came before the court for a trial by jury. The issues have been tried and a verdict rendered.
- DECISION BY THE COURT.** This action came to trial or hearing before the court. The issues have been tried or heard and a decision rendered.
- ACTION DISMISSED (CHECK REASON):** Rule 12(b), SCRPC; Rule 41(a), SCRPC (Vol. Nonsuit); Rule 43(k), SCRPC (Settled);
 Other
- ACTION STRICKEN (CHECK REASON):** Rule 40(j), SCRPC; Bankruptcy;
 Binding arbitration, subject to right to restore to confirm, vacate or modify arbitration award;
 Other
- STAYED DUE TO BANKRUPTCY**
- DISPOSITION OF APPEAL TO THE CIRCUIT COURT (CHECK APPLICABLE BOX):**
 Affirmed; Reversed; Remanded;
 Other

NOTE: ATTORNEYS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR NOTIFYING LOWER COURT, TRIBUNAL, OR ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY OF THE CIRCUIT COURT RULING IN THIS APPEAL.

IT IS ORDERED AND ADJUDGED: See attached order (formal order to follow) Statement of Judgment by the Court:

See Page 2 for Order of Court.

ORDER INFORMATION

This order ends does not end the case. See Page 2 for additional information.

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Petitioner Andrei Savenkov appealed the Decision of the Hearing Panel regarding his Application for Resolution of Disputed Fee against Michael Brooks, Esq. The Appeal was heard on February 24, 2026 with both parties in attendance. In his appeal, Applicant asserts that the Panel exceeded its powers, acted arbitrarily and capriciously and issued an award completely devoid of evidentiary support. An appeal from the Fee Dispute Board is governed by Rule 20 (f) for the S.C. Appellate Court Rules 416 which provides that the Court "affirm or vacate the final decision of the Boards" and to vacate, the applicant must establish one of the factors outlined in Rule 20 (f) (1)-(5). At the hearing, the applicant stated that he was going forward on Rule 20(f)(3) that "the assigned member or hearing panel members exceeded their powers". In the hearing, the applicant asserted that the Board misinterpreted the fee agreement between the parties. Upon review of the record, including the fee agreement and the termination letter from Derrick Law Office, the Court finds that the final decision of the Fee Disputes Board was supported by the evidence and that the applicant has failed to establish that the Board exceeded their powers or any other factors set out in Rule 20(f). Therefore, the Court affirms the Written Decision of the Hearing Panel issued October __, 2025 [sic] of the Resolution of Fee Disputes Board.
IT IS SO ORDERED.



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So Ordered

s/ Honorable Perry H. Gravely, #2755

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