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APPEAL FROM BERKELEY COUNTY
Court of Common Pleas
Deadra L. Jefferson, Circuit Court Judge

Case No. 2023-CP-08-00499

NextGear Capital, Inc.....Respondent,

v.

Annette D. Walker.....Appellant.

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Annette D. Walker appeals the Order of the Honorable Deadra L. Jefferson dated February 25, 2026, Denying Defendant’s Motion for Relief From Foreign Judgement. Appellant received written notice of the entry of this Order on February 26, 2026.

March 26, 2026

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PROOF OF SERVICE

This is to certify that I have this day served **counsel for the Respondent** in the forgoing matter with a copy of the **Notice of Appeal** along with a copy of the order to be challenged on appeal via electronic mail only, addressed as follows:

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This is to also certify that I have this day served the **Berkeley County Clerk of Court** in the foregoing matter with a copy of the **Notice of Appeal** by depositing a copy of the same in the U.S. Mail, with sufficient postage attached, to the following address:

Proof of Service of Notice of Appeal, Con't.

The Hon. Leah Guerry Dupree
Berkeley County Clerk of Court
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The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings
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Re: Annette D. Walker, Appellant v. NextGear Capital, Inc., Respondent
Case No. 2023-CP-08-00499

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

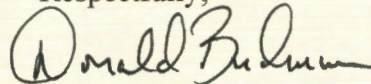
With regard to the above-referenced matter, please accept for filing the following:

1. Notice of Appeal with the attached Order to be challenged on appeal, to wit: Order Denying Defendant's Motion for Relief From Foreign Judgement of the Honorable Deadra L. Jefferson filed on February 26, 2026; and
2. Proof of Service of the Notice of Appeal on counsel for Respondent and Clerk of Court for Berkeley County.

My firm's check for the filing fee in the amount of \$250.00 is being sent to you by U. S. Mail under separate cover.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully,



Donald J. Budman

Enclosures: As Stated.

Cc: Lucas S. Fautua, Esq. (via email only)