

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEWBERRY

Jefferson Davis, Jr.,
Plaintiff,

v.

Chad Connelly, Dave Wilson, Steven Kirkland,
Tom Persons, Neil Mellen, E3 Software, LLC,
Endurance International Group Holdings, Inc.,
John Doe #1, John Doe #2, & John Does 3-40,
Defendants.

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
CIVIL ACTION NO.: 2020-CP-36-00382
APPELLATE CASE NO.: 2024-002049

**ORDER ALTERING &
AMENDING FIFTH ORDER**

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEWBERRY

Jefferson Davis, Jr.,
Plaintiff,

v.

Chad Connelly, Tom Persons, Geoffrey
Chambers, Esq. & South Carolina Educational
Credit for Exceptional Needs Children Fund,
Defendants.

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
CIVIL ACTION NO.: 2020-CP-36-00384
APPELLATE CASE NO.: 2024-002049

**ORDER ALTERING &
AMENDING FIFTH ORDER**

This matter came before the Court upon of Defendants/Respondents Chad Connelly, Dave Wilson, Tom Persons, Neil Mellen, Geoffrey Chambers, & South Carolina Educational Credit for Exceptional Needs Children Fund’s (collectively “Defendants/Respondents”) Amended Motion to Reconsider, Alter, or Amend Fifth Order served and filed on March 6, 2026 (“Motion to

Reconsider”).¹ Upon Plaintiff's/Appellant's request, the parties consented to the Court's disposition of the Motion to Reconsider without a hearing based upon the written submissions of the parties.

In the Motion to Reconsider, Defendants/Respondents petitioned this Court pursuant to Rules 52(b), 59(e) and 60(b), SCRPC, for an order reconsidering, altering, or amending this Court's Fifth Order filed on February 26, 2026, granting Plaintiff's/Appellant's petition for supersedeas staying the effect of the Orders of Civil Contempt filed on November 25, 2024, pending resolution of Appellant's appeal to condition the granting of supersedeas upon the filing by Plaintiff/Appellant of a bond or undertaking sufficient to secure the award of civil contempt contained in the Orders of Civil Contempt and any continuing statutory interest running from that date pursuant to Rule 241(c)(3), SCACR.

After careful review and consideration of the parties' pleadings, motions, briefs, memoranda, and other submissions, as well as the prior orders, evidence presented, applicable law, and the record and circumstances, this Court finds Defendants/Respondents are entitled to security in the form of a supersedeas bond and that it is necessary for equity that this Court condition the granting of supersedeas upon Plaintiff's/Appellant's provision of a bond or undertaking sufficient to secure the award of civil contempt and any additional statutory interest that will likely accrue through pendency of the appeal. The Court finds that such a bond is necessary and appropriate.

Accordingly, this Court hereby **GRANTS** the Defendants/Respondents Chad Connelly, Dave Wilson, Tom Persons, Neil Mellen, Geoffrey Chambers, & South Carolina Educational Credit for Exceptional Needs Children Fund's Amended Motion to Reconsider, Alter, or Amend Fifth Order served and filed on March 6, 2026, to condition the granting of supersedeas upon the filing by

¹ Defendants/Respondents had previously filed and served a similar Motion to Reconsider, Alter, or Amend Fifth Order earlier on March 6, 2026. The Amended Motion to Reconsider, Alter, or Amend Fifth Order merely fixed several scrivener's' errors in the original motion.

Plaintiff/Appellant of a bond or undertaking of at least \$50,000, within ten (10) days of the execution of this Order. If the required supersedeas bond is not filed by or on behalf of Plaintiff/Appellant on or before ten (10) days of the execution of this Order, this Court will proceed with the enforcement and execution of the Orders of Civil Contempt filed on November 25, 2024.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that the Fifth Order filed on March 6, 2026, is alter and amended to provide that this Court's granting of supersedeas is expressly conditioned upon the filing by Plaintiff/Appellant of a bond or undertaking of at least \$50,000, within ten (10) days of the execution of this Order. If the required supersedeas bond is not filed by or on behalf of Plaintiff/Appellant on or before ten (10) days of the execution of this Order, this Court will proceed with the enforcement and execution of the Orders of Civil Contempt filed on November 25, 2024.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

The Honorable Donald B. Hocker

March ____, 2026



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s/Donald B. Hocker, Judge Code 2167