

The Supreme Court of South Carolina

Elizabeth Evans, Individually and as Surrogate Health
Care Decision Maker for Duane Evans, Mikal Evans, and
Anna Okupinski, Petitioners,


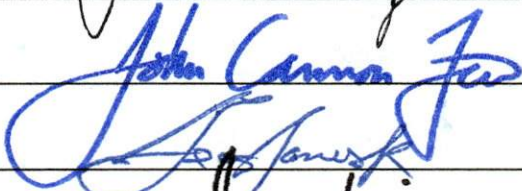

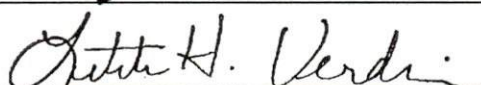
v.

Tom Vestal Evans, Respondent.

Appellate Case No. 2026-000758

ORDER

Petitioners have filed an emergency complaint and emergency petition for original jurisdiction. Because Petitioners may seek relief in the probate court, the petition is denied. *See* Rule 245(a), SCACR ("The Supreme Court will not entertain matters in its original jurisdiction when the matter can be determined in a lower court in the first instance, without material prejudice to the rights of the parties.").

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Columbia, South Carolina
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