

The South Carolina Court of Appeals

Jefferson Davis, Jr., Appellant,

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, and John Does 3-40, Respondents,

AND

Jefferson Davis, Jr., Appellant,

v.

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

Appellate Case No. 2024-002049

ORDER

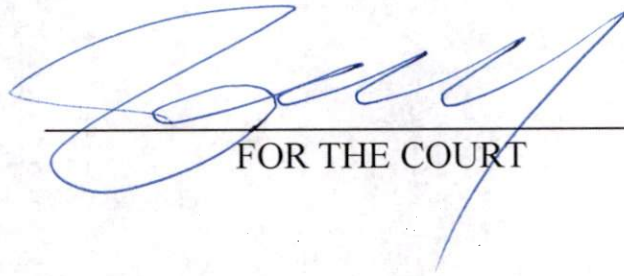
On December 19, 2024, Appellant filed a petition for a writ of supersedeas, seeking to stay an order of civil contempt during the pendency of the appeal. On December 20, 2024, this court temporarily stayed the order of civil contempt and remanded this case to the circuit court for an expedited hearing on Appellant's petition for a writ of supersedeas.

On February 26, 2026, the circuit court issued an order granting Appellant's petition for a writ of supersedeas. On March 6, 2026, Respondents filed a motion to reconsider, requesting the circuit court's stay be conditioned upon a bond. On March 27, 2026, the circuit court granted the motion to reconsider and it issued an order that conditioned the granting of supersedeas upon Appellant filing

a bond or undertaking of at least \$50,000 within ten (10) days of the execution of this [o]rder. If the required supersedeas bond is not filed by or on behalf of [Appellant] on or before ten (10) days of the execution of this [o]rder, this [c]ourt will proceed with the enforcement and execution of the [o]rders of [c]ivil [c]ontempt filed on November 25, 2024.

On April 3, 2026, Appellant filed an "emergency writ of supersedeas and motion to stay enforcement of contempt order" pending the appeal. Appellant requests this court stay the order of civil contempt without requiring a bond or with a nominal or reduced bond commensurate with his demonstrated inability to pay.

After careful consideration, we temporarily stay the order of civil contempt and the circuit court's March 27, 2026 order. *See* Rule 241(d)(2), SCACR (providing "[a]n individual judge or justice may grant or deny the relief on a temporary basis"). Within ten days of the date of this order, Respondents shall file a return, and Appellant shall have five days to file a reply. Upon receipt of the filings, this court will decide the motion to stay.



FOR THE COURT J.

Columbia, South Carolina

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