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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In The Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM CHESTER COUNTY
Court of Common Pleas
Hon. Thomas W. McGee, III, Circuit Court Judge

Appellate Case No. 2025-002548
Trial Court Case No. 2023-CP-12-288

Mary Simpson Carpenter Crowder, by and Through
Michael Paul Swearingen, as Special Administrator
for the Estate of Mary Simpson Carpenter Crowder, Appellant,

v.

Cedar Grove Baptist Church, Deacons of Cedar Grove
Baptist Church, a/k/a Cedar Grove Providence Church,
SCBT, and South State Bank,..... Respondents,

and

Cedar Grove Baptist Church as Third-Party Plaintiff Respondent,.

v.

James Wylie Crowder, III, as Third-Party Defendant Appellant.

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL

Please take notice that Miles E. Coleman and Mayme E. Medlock from the Greenville, South Carolina law office of Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough, L.L.P. hereby notice their substitution as counsel of record for the Appellants in the above-captioned appellate case in place of Robert Lee Hartman, III and John W. Wells. This substitution is made at the request of and with the consent of Appellants, for good cause, and will not prejudice any party to the appeal. Notice to Respondents has been given by service of this Notice on their counsel of record.

Accordingly, Appellants request this Court order that Miles E. Coleman and Mayme E. Medlock be substituted as counsel of record for Appellants in this appeal, and that Robert Lee Hartmann, III and John W. Wells be relieved of any further representation in this appeal.

Respectfully submitted,

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PROOF OF SERVICE

Pursuant to Rule 262(c)(3), SCACR, undersigned counsel hereby certifies that I have served a copy of Appellants' Notice of Substitution of Counsel on Respondents' counsel, W. Keith Martens, at the primary e-mail address listed in the Attorney Information System (see attached sent email).

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Keith, please find attached for electronic service a copy of the Notice of Substitution of Counsel that we'll be filing with the Court of Appeals shortly in the above-referenced matter.

Regards,

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