

The South Carolina Court of Appeals

Bruce and Joanne Loveless, Respondents,

v.

Cameron Hinckley, Kris Hinckley, and Diana Hinckley,
Defendants,

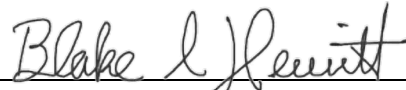
of whom Kris Hinckley and Diana Hinckley are the
Appellants.

Appellate Case No. 2026-000688

ORDER

This appeal arises out of a circuit court order (1) deeming all requests for admission issued to Kris Hinckley admitted; (2) deeming one through twenty of requests for admission issued to Diana Hinckley admitted; (3) ordering Appellants to engage in discovery within thirty days; (4) ordering Appellants to turn in certain electronic devices within fifteen days; and (5) allowing Respondents to submit an affidavit of costs and fees within thirty days. Upon receipt of the notice of appeal, this court requested the parties file appealability memoranda. Both parties filed their respective memorandum on March 26, 2026. After careful consideration, we dismiss this appeal because the order on appeal is interlocutory and not immediately appealable. *See* S.C. Code Ann. § 14-3-330 (2017) (defining appellate jurisdiction); *Ex parte Wilson*, 367 S.C. 7, 12, 625 S.E.2d 205, 208 (2005) ("Any judgment or decree, leaving some further act to be done by the court before the rights of the parties are determined, is interlocutory and not final."); *Grosshuesch v. Cramer*, 377 S.C. 12, 30, 659 S.E.2d 112, 122 (2008) ("[T]he fact remains that discovery orders, in general are interlocutory and are not immediately appealable because they do not, within the meaning of the appealability statute, involve the merits of the action or affect a substantial right."); *Hamm v. S.C. Pub. Serv. Comm'n*, 312 S.C. 238, 241, 439 S.E.2d 852, 853 (1994) ("Discovery orders

. . . are interlocutory and are not immediately appealable."); *Tucker v. Honda of S.C. Mfg., Inc.*, 354 S.C. 574, 577, 582 S.E.2d 405, 406 (2003) (noting a party must refuse to comply with a discovery order and be held in contempt before the decision becomes appealable). The remittitur will be sent pursuant to Rule 221(b) of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules.



J.

FOR THE COURT

Columbia, South Carolina

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