

The South Carolina Court of Appeals

Ubong Christopher Ubokudom, Appellant,

v.

The University of South Carolina, Respondent.

Appellate Case No. 2026-000348

ORDER

On February 17, 2026, Appellant filed a notice of appeal from a circuit court order that denied his motion for a temporary restraining order pursuant to Rule 65 of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure and provided that Appellant's motion for a temporary injunction would remain as scheduled.¹ Simultaneously with his notice of appeal, Appellant also filed a petition for a writ of mandamus or for injunctive relief. In his filing, Appellant asked this court to (1) enjoin Respondent from misrepresenting his enrollment status and withholding records until the merits of the case can be heard, (2) vacate the circuit court hearing scheduled for May 4, 2026, (3) issue a writ of mandamus directing the circuit court to schedule an immediate status conference or emergency hearing on the merits "to resolve the remaining discovery and trial schedule," and (4) retain jurisdiction until the circuit court and Respondent have complied. On March 9, 2026, the court denied Appellant's petition for a writ of mandamus or for injunctive relief.

On May 12, 2026, Appellant filed a second notice of appeal from a May 8, 2026 circuit court order denying Appellant's request for an injunction. Appellant also filed a motion titled "Petition for Supersedeas and Emergency Temporary Stay," seeking, among other things, a stay of the May 8, 2026 order and an injunction that (1) enjoins Respondent from representing that Appellant never attended the University of South Carolina and (2) requires Respondent to issue an accurate

¹ Appellant indicated the motion for a temporary injunction was scheduled to be heard on May 4, 2026.

enrollment record for Appellant. The filing also asks this court to shorten the timelines for Respondent's return.

After careful consideration, we deny Appellant's request to shorten the timelines for a return. Any return filed by Respondent shall be served and filed within ten days of the date of service of the petition for a writ of supersedeas, and any reply shall be served and filed within five days of service of the return. The May 12, 2026 petition for a writ of supersedeas will be considered upon the expiration of the applicable timelines.



J.

FOR THE COURT

Columbia, South Carolina

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FILED
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