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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In The Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM AIKEN COUNTY
Court of Common Pleas

The Honorable Courtney Clyburn Pope, Circuit Court Judge
Case No. 2013-CP-02-1337

Appellate Case No. 2026-000330

Adele J. Pope, Appellant,

v.

Estate of James Brown and The James Brown 2000
Irrevocable Trust, Respondents.

RETURN TO APPELLANT’S MOTION TO STRIKE

Appellant Adele Pope failed in her effort to create delay by provoking Respondents into moving to strike her blatantly improper Initial Brief and Designation of Matter. (*See* Init. Br. of Resp’ts at 10-12.) Undeterred, she is now attempting to create delay by moving to strike Respondents’ Initial Brief and Designation of Matter. The motion is patently frivolous: Respondents’ Initial Brief complies with Rule 208(b)(2), SCACR, and its Designation of Matter, in compliance with Rule 210(c), SCACR, contains no matter that is not in the circuit court record for Case 1337.

Respondents urge the Court not to indulge Ms. Pope by taking at face-value a

filing that is clearly made in bad faith and solely to avoid prompt resolution of this relatively straightforward appeal. The Motion to Strike should be denied forthwith.

Respectfully submitted,

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PROOF OF SERVICE

I certify that on May 12, 2026, the foregoing **Return to Appellant’s Motion to Strike** was served on Appellant Adele J. Pope, *pro se*, by emailing it to her at the address provided in the South Carolina Courts’ AIS system, as follows:

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