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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA IN THE COURT OF APPEALS SC Court of Appeals

Ubong Christopher Ubokudom, *Appellant,*

v.

University of South Carolina, *Respondent.*

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Case No.: 2026-CP-40-00645 (On Appeal from Richland County)

**[PROPOSED] ORDER GRANTING SUPERSEDEAS AND EMERGENCY
INJUNCTIVE RELIEF**

Upon consideration of Appellant's Petition for Supersedeas and Emergency Temporary Stay, and appearing to the Court that Appellant has demonstrated a likelihood of success on the merits and that irreparable harm is imminent absent judicial intervention, it is hereby **ORDERED**:

1. EMERGENCY STAY AND SUPERSEDEAS. The Order of the Circuit Court dated May 8, 2026, is hereby **STAYED** pending the final resolution of this appeal.

2. JUDICIAL ADMISSIONS. Pursuant to Rule 36(b), SCRPC, all matters contained in Plaintiff's First Set of Requests for Admission are hereby **DEEMED ADMITTED** as conclusively established for the purposes of this litigation, the Respondent having failed to provide timely, verified responses under oath.

3. EMERGENCY INJUNCTIVE RELIEF. Respondent University of South Carolina, including its officers, employees, and agents, is **TEMPORARILY RESTRAINED AND ENJOINED** from:

- A. Representing to the Law School Admission Council (LSAC), Parchment, or any third party that Appellant "never attended" the University of South Carolina; and
- B. Conditioning Appellant's access to academic transcripts or enrollment verification on re-enrollment or payment of disputed charges.

4. MANDATORY AFFIRMATIVE RELIEF. Respondent shall, within **twenty-four (24) hours** of the entry of this Order:

- A. Release to the LSAC an official academic transcript or enrollment verification reflecting Appellant's Spring 2025 enrollment and subsequent withdrawal status;

- B. Transmit a **Formal Letter of Correction** to the LSAC and Parchment stating that previous reports of "No Record" were administrative errors and that Appellant was a formally admitted and enrolled student.

5. RESTITUTION. Order the immediate return of the \$961.00 to the Appellant, as Respondent's refusal to acknowledge the record renders the retention of these funds an act of unjust enrichment that obstructs Appellant's ability to provide for his daughter's legal needs. Respondent shall issue a refund of **\$961.00** to the Appellant via check or electronic transfer within **forty-eight (48) hours** of this Order. These funds shall be treated as direct restitution and shall not be applied as a "credit" toward other disputed balances.

6. WAIVER OF BOND. Pursuant to Rule 241(c)(2), SCACR, the Court finds that a bond is not required for the issuance of this stay or the return of the **\$961.00** restitution payment. As this payment was made under a documented Repayment Agreement for the specific purpose of record release—a service the Respondent subsequently withheld—the return of these funds is necessary to restore the *status quo ante* and does not constitute a monetary judgment requiring security.

7. No Adjudication on Damages. Nothing in this Order adjudicates Plaintiff's claims for monetary damages, which are expressly preserved.

8. DISCOVERY AND PLEADINGS.

- A. **Motion to Compel: GRANTED.** Respondent shall, within five (5) days, designate a Corporate Representative or Custodian of Records to provide a unified verification of all discovery responses under oath. **Additionally, Respondent is compelled to produce all Blackboard classroom activity data and log-in records pertaining to the Appellant for the Spring 2025 term, appropriately redacted to exclude the protected information of third-party students and professors.**
- B. **Leave to Amend: GRANTED.** Appellant's Second Amended and Supplemented Complaint is deemed filed as of the date of this Order.

9. EXPEDITED TRIAL. The Clerk of the Circuit Court is directed to set this matter for an **Expedited Trial** on the issue of damages during the **July 2026** term.

10. SERVICE. Service of this Order via electronic mail or hand-delivery upon the University of South Carolina Office of General Counsel shall be deemed sufficient and immediate service.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Judge/Clerk, South Carolina Court of Appeals

Dated: May ____, 2026 Columbia, South Carolina

