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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appellate Case No. 2025-CP-02-02168

MIDLAND CREDIT MANAGEMENT, INC.,

Respondent,

v.

JULIAN RICHARDS,

Appellant.

NOTICE OF APPEAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Appellant Julian Richards, pro se, appeals to the South Carolina Court of Appeals from the following orders of the Aiken County Court of Common Pleas (Second Judicial Circuit):

1. The Order dated October 9, 2025, dismissing Appellant's de novo appeal from the North Augusta Summary Court and denying Appellant's Motion to Compel Arbitration; and
2. The Order dated February 23, 2026, denying Appellant's Motion to Reconsider pursuant to Rule 59(e), SCRCF.

This appeal is taken pursuant to Rule 203(b)(1), South Carolina Appellate Court Rules, and is timely filed within thirty (30) days of receipt of written notice of entry of the February 23, 2026 Order.

This appeal raises issues including whether the trial court erred in denying Appellant's Motion to Compel Arbitration under the arbitration agreement governed by the Federal Arbitration Act.

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Appellant respectfully requests that this Court reverse the orders of the Court of Common Pleas and remand with instructions to compel arbitration and stay the proceedings, or grant such other relief as the Court deems just and proper.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on March 23, 2026, I served a true and correct copy of this Notice of Appeal upon counsel for Respondent by depositing the same in the United States Mail, first-class postage prepaid, addressed to:

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Respectfully submitted,

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