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APPEAL FROM BEAUFORT COUNTY COMMON PLEAS COURT

Case No: 2024-CP-07-01039

Honorable Donald B. Hocker, Presiding Judge

Appellate Case No: 2026-001128

Richard Bowman.....Appellant,

v.

Cosima Maclean,.....Respondent.

MOTION TO BE RELIEVED

The undersigned moves to be relieved as attorney for the Plaintiff/Appellant due to a number of grounds, the details of which might be invasive of attorney client privilege. One ground is that this attorney will be over 80 years before the case could be remanded and tried on its merits. This attorney does not want to be ethically bound to this case or this client for that long. The case evolved from a partition case to a raging domestic relations dispute. This attorney is also not comfortable with the disrespect shown to opposing counsel by his client.

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I hereby certify that on the 28th day of May, 2026, I served a true and accurate copy of the foregoing Motion to be Relieved, on the parties listed below via email and/or by placing the same in the United States mail, first class and/or Certified postage attached, and addressed to the following:

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RE: Richard Bowman v Cosima Maclean
Appellate Case No: 2026-001128
Office File No: 02-2748-01-200-24

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Please find attached for filing, Motion to be Relieved with corrected Proof of Service in the above referenced matter.

Please file the documents and return a stamped copy to us.

Thanking you in advance for your assistance,

Very truly yours,

Darrell T. Johnson, Jr.
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