

# The South Carolina Court of Appeals

Ubong Christopher Ubokudom, Appellant,

v.

The University of South Carolina, Respondent.

Appellate Case No. 2026-000348

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## ORDER

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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.<sup>1</sup> 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 (1) a stay of the May 8, 2026 order, (2) an order deeming admitted all matters in Appellant's First Set of Requests for Admission, (3) an injunction that requires Respondent to issue an accurate enrollment record for Appellant, (4) a temporary restraining order enjoining Respondent from representing that Appellant

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

never attended the University of South Carolina, requiring Respondent to release an official academic transcript and a letter of correction, preventing Respondent from conditioning Appellant's access to an academic transcript or other education record on re-enrollment or payment of disputed charges, and requiring Respondent to transmit a formal letter of correction to a specific entity, (5) this court to order the immediate return of \$961.00 from Respondent to Appellant, (6) waiver of any bond requirement, and (7) an order expediting a trial on the issue of damages for the July 2026 term and granting leave to file a second amended and supplemented complaint and a motion to compel and require Respondent to "properly satisfy Rule 33." On May 21, 2026, Respondent filed a return, opposing the motion. Appellant filed a reply.

After careful consideration, we deny Appellant's May 12, 2026 petition for a writ of supersedeas in its entirety. *See* Rule 241(c)(1), SCACR ("The effect of the granting of a supersedeas is to suspend or stay the matters decided in the order, judgment, decree or decision on appeal and, where a prior order or decision was in effect at the time the appealed order, judgment, decree or decision was filed, to revive the terms of the prior order or decision."); *AJG Holdings, LLC v. Dunn*, 382 S.C. 43, 51, 674 S.E.2d 505, 508 (Ct. App. 2009) ("Generally, for a preliminary injunction to be granted, the plaintiff must establish that: (1) he would suffer irreparable harm if the injunction is not granted; (2) he will likely succeed on the merits of the litigation; and (3) there is an inadequate remedy at law."). Further, matters involving ongoing circuit court proceedings are more properly raised to the circuit court.



J.

FOR THE COURT

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**FILED**  
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