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In the Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM LEXINGTON COUNTY  
Court of Common Pleas

Walton J. McLeod, IV, Circuit Court Judge

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Case No.: 2024-CP-32-03485

Ricky Kneece,.....Respondent.


v.

Kneece Farms and Legion Insurance Co. in liquidation and the S.C. Property and  
Casualty Insurance Guaranty Association.....Appellants.

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Kneece Farms and Legion Insurance Co. in liquidation through the S.C. Property and  
Casualty Insurance Guaranty Association appeal the Order of the Honorable Walton J. McLeod,  
IV dated May 7, 2026. Appellants received written notice of entry of this order on May 7, 2026.

June 8, 2026



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10. The Circuit Court erred in affirming prior Commission findings that Claimant sustained compensable injuries to his zygomatic arch, thyroid, scarring, and finger, to the extent the Order may be construed as encompassing such injuries.

**GROUNDS FOR APPEAL**

1. Whether the Circuit Court erred as a matter of law in reversing the Full Commission Appellate Panel's determination that the Claimant was not permanently and totally disabled pursuant to SC Code Ann. Section 42-9-10(C), the error being that the Court misapprehended or misapplied the substantial evidence standard of review?
2. Whether the Circuit Court erred in finding Claimant suffered permanent and severe physical brain damage and was therefore totally and permanently disabled, the error being the Court improperly substituted its judgement for that of the Appellate Panel that Claimant was not totally disabled due to permanent and severe physical brain damage and where the Commission's findings were supported by substantial evidence?
3. Whether the Circuit Court erred in misapplying the appropriate standard of review by improperly finding Claimant sustained a loss of earning capacity, the error being substantial evidence overwhelmingly supports the Commission's finding that Claimant sustained no loss of earning capacity and in fact his earnings substantially increased post-injury?
4. Whether the Circuit Court erred by improperly weighing the evidence and concluding that Claimant was the beneficiary of his family's benevolent employment, the error being that the benevolent employment doctrine has no application to this claim?
5. Whether the benevolent employment doctrine is inapplicable to this claim in that Claimant's injury occurred while working for Kneece Farms, a separate entity from Delano Kneece and Son Farms.
6. Whether the Circuit Court erred in failing to affirm the Commission's award of permanent partial disability under the remand order based on Claimant's brain injury pursuant to Regulation 67-1101, the error being the Commission's findings and award were supported by substantial evidence as well as applicable provisions of the Workers Compensation Act and Regulations.?
7. Whether the Circuit Court erred in failing to affirm the Appellate Panel's award of credit for Defendant's payment of disability benefits pending appeal of the 2013 Circuit Court Order which Order was subsequently vacated by the Court of Appeals, as the issue of credit was properly before the Appellate Panel?
8. Whether the Circuit Court erred in affirming that Claimant is entitled to reimbursement of past medical expenses from unauthorized treatment providers, as well as lifetime medical treatment?
9. In the event Claimant was properly determined permanently and totally disabled, the Circuit Court erred in awarding temporary disability benefits for periods prior to the date of maximum medical improvement.

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Re. Ricky Kneece v. Kneece Farms and Legion and liquidation, SC Property and Casualty  
Insurance Guaranty Association  
Case No. 2024-CP-32-03485

Dear Ms. Kitchings

Enclosed for filing is a Notice of Appeal in the above referenced matter. Also enclosed are the following:

1. Grounds for Appeal;
2. Proof of service of the Notice of Appeal on the Respondent and the Lexington County Clerk of Court;
3. A copy of the order which is to be challenged on appeal; and
4. A check in the amount of \$250 for the filing fee..

Please return a clocked copy of the Notice of Appeal to our courier.

By copy of this letter, I am serving counsel for the Respondent and the Lexington County Clerk of Court with the Notice of Appeal.

Very Truly Yours,

  
Mark D. Cauthen

Enclosures

cc. Preston F. McDaniel, Esquire  
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The Hon. Lisa M. Comer

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Kneece Farms, Employer,  
and Legion Ins. Co. (*in liquidation*)/S.C. Property & Casualty Ins. Guaranty Association,  
Carrier, .....Appellant.

PROOF OF SERVICE

I certify that I, Mark D. Cauthen, counsel for Appellant, have served the Notice of Appeal upon counsel for Respondent and the Lexington County Clerk of Court by depositing a copy of it in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, on June 8, 2026, addressed as follows:

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The Honorable Lisa M. Comer.  
Lexington County Clerk of Court.  
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