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The Honorable J. Mark Hayes, II, Circuit Court Judge

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APPELLATE CASE NO. 2025-000497

Lisa Summer Rice and Joseph R. Rice, Appellants

vs.

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Representative of the Estate of C. Ray Amick, Respondents,

AND

A. Murray Gray, Claude H. Schumpert, and Melissa B. Schumpert..... Appellants,

vs.

Betty S. Amick, as Personal Representative of the Estate of
C. Ray Amick, and Cheryl Littlejohn, Respondents.

**MOTION TO BE RELIEVED AS COUNSEL FOR RESPONDENT
BETTY S. AMICK, AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE ESTATE OF C. RAY AMICK**

Thornwell F. Sowell and Sowell & DuRant, LLC hereby moves for an order allowing it to be relieved as counsel in the matter above-captioned on the ground that its client Betty S. Amick has not fulfilled her obligations under her engagement with the Firm, including but not limited to her duty to communicate with her counsel.

Counsel for Appellants and Respondent Cheryl Littlejohn consent to our motion. We have not received a response from our request from Respondent Newberry Lions Club or from Betty S. Amick.

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PROOF SERVICE

I certify that on June 17, 2026, I have caused the service of the **Motion to be Relieved as Counsel for Respondent Betty S. Amick, as Personal Representative of the Estate of C. Ray Amick** via electronic mail using the email address listed in the Attorney Information System for the attorneys of record at the addresses listed below:

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I certify that on June 17, 2026, I have caused the service of the Motion to be Relieved as Counsel for Respondent Betty S. Amick, as Personal Representative of the Estate of C. Ray Amick upon Betty S. Amick by emailing and mailing g a copy of the same in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, to the address listed below:

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62 Lions Club Road
Prosperity, SC 29127***

s/Thornwell F. Sowell

June 17, 2026

Thornwell F. Sowell