

FORM 4

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF Greenville
IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

JUDGMENT IN A CIVIL CASE

CASE NO. 2024CP2306278

Chester Chet Lambert et al
PLAINTIFF(S)

Robert Louis Ricca, Jr
DEFENDANT(S)

DISPOSITION TYPE (CHECK ONE)

- ☐ **JURY VERDICT.** This action came before the court for a trial by jury. The issues have been tried and a verdict rendered.
- ☒ **DECISION BY THE COURT.** This action came to trial or hearing before the court. The issues have been tried or heard and a decision rendered.
- ☐ **ACTION DISMISSED** (*CHECK REASON*): ☐ Rule 12(b), SCRPC; ☐ Rule 41(a), SCRPC (Vol. Nonsuit); ☐ Rule 43(k), SCRPC (Settled);
☐ Other
- ☐ **ACTION STRICKEN** (*CHECK REASON*): ☐ Rule 40(j), SCRPC; ☐ Bankruptcy;
☐ Binding arbitration, subject to right to restore to confirm, vacate or modify arbitration award;
☐ Other
- ☐ **STAYED DUE TO BANKRUPTCY**
- ☐ **DISPOSITION OF APPEAL TO THE CIRCUIT COURT** (*CHECK APPLICABLE BOX*):
☐ Affirmed; ☐ Reversed; ☐ Remanded;
☐ Other

NOTE: ATTORNEYS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR NOTIFYING LOWER COURT, TRIBUNAL, OR ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY OF THE CIRCUIT COURT RULING IN THIS APPEAL.

IT IS ORDERED AND ADJUDGED: ☐ See attached order (formal order to follow) ☒ Statement of Judgment by the Court:

See order on following page.

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ORDER INFORMATION

This order ☐ ends ☒ does not end the case.

☒ See Page 2 for additional information.

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Court Reporter:

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This matter comes before the Court on Defendant's Motion to Disqualify the Langley Law Firm on May 29th, 2026. Ryan Langley appeared on behalf of Plaintiff and David Moore represented the Defendants. After a review of the record and hearing arguments of the parties, the Court DENIES Defendant's Motion to Disqualify the Langley Law Firm.

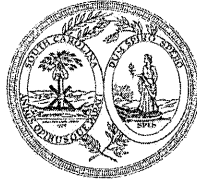
In December 2026, Patrick Still ("Mr. Still") filed an Answer in this matter on behalf of the Defendants. In February Mr. Still announced he was leaving his firm and joining the Langley Law Firm, the present Plaintiff's firm. On March 2nd, Mr. Still formally joined the Langley Law Firm.

The parties both agree that Mr. Still is conflicted from representing the Plaintiff's in this action under the South Carolina Rules of Professional Conduct. However, the parties disagree whether his conflict should be imputed upon the Langley Law Firm. This Court agrees with Plaintiff that the Langley Law Firm should not be disqualified.

The standard for disqualification is more than having a mere conflict and parties have a substantive right to choose who their counsel will be. The parties choice of counsel must be given meaningful weight. In this matter, Plaintiff's firm was proactive in addressing the conflict presented by Mr. Still joining their firm. They reached out to Mr. Still's former managing partner and implemented screening measures prior to Mr. Still joining the firm. In addition, Plaintiff's counsel represented the case management system they use is designed to block Mr. Still from accessing any information about the case. The underlying action is a uncontested motor vehicle liability action and there would be no prejudice for the Langley Law Firm to continue to represent the Plaintiff's under the circumstances.

Therefore the Court denies Defendant's Motion to Disqualify the Langley Law Firm.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



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So Ordered

Jessica A. Salvini