

IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA COURT OF APPEALS

Appellate Case No. 2026-000774

Brandi Barnett and Kevin Rubink, Plaintiffs,

v.

Luke Shealey, Brian Shealey, and Shealey Law Firm, LLC, Defendants,

of which Brandi Barnett is the Appellant and Luke Shealey is the Respondent.

Appeal from the Court of Common Pleas

Fifth Judicial Circuit, Richland County

Case Under Appeal: 2025-CP-40-06986

The Honorable Daniel Coble, Circuit Court Judge

Appeal from Order Entered February 25, 2026

**APPELLANT'S DESIGNATION OF MATTER TO BE INCLUDED IN THE RECORD
ON APPEAL**

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Pursuant to Rule 209, SCACR, Appellant Brandi N. Barnett, proceeding pro se, designates the following matter for inclusion in the Record on Appeal. This designation is limited to matter necessary to decide the issues raised in Appellant's Initial Brief and to preserve the dismissal, sanctions, filing-restriction, refund, confidentiality, redaction, public-record correction, and related issues presented therein. Appellant believes this designation includes all matter necessary for a complete determination of the issues on appeal.

This designation intentionally excludes repetitive administrative filings, duplicate exhibit copies, Kevin-only gatekeeper, recusal, venue, and litigation-history materials, and materials not needed to decide Appellant's individual appeal. Kevin-related material is limited to: (1) Tr. p. 11, ll. 1-2, reflecting counsel's statement that the gatekeeper-history ground applied only to Mr. Rubink; and (2) one Board decision letter used solely for narrow same-attorney/same-Board refund context.

DESIGNATED MATERIALS

Item 1. The February 6, 2026 Form 4 judgment/order entered in 2025-CP-40-06986.

Item 2. The February 25, 2026 written order granting dismissal with prejudice and containing the challenged sanction consequences and filing-restriction language entered in 2025-CP-40-06986.

Item 3. The fee-dispute ruling/order entered in 2025-CP-40-04675, designated solely to show the refund dispute, Board background, Rule 1.5(f) context, flat-fee disclosure issue, and related nonfrivolous basis for Appellant's 06986 filings, and not to import any Kevin-only gatekeeper, recusal, venue, or litigation-history matters.

Item 4. Appellant's Rule 60 motion filed in 2025-CP-40-06986 seeking relief from or clarification of the sanction and filing-restriction language, including the motion, clarification request, certificate of service, proposed-order materials, and the court's ruling thereon if entered, excluding duplicate exhibits otherwise separately designated.

Item 5. Appellant's file-stamped Motion to Strike, for Sanctions, and for Other Relief, challenging Respondent Luke Shealey's extra-record and confidentiality-related allegations, inaccurate financial references, service timing, and prejudice, including the motion and certificate of service. See also Tr. p. 8, ll. 13-19 (Appellant presenting Motion to Strike at hearing).

Item 6. The 2025-CP-40-06986 complaint/initiating pleading, to show the actual claims dismissed and the preserved non-malpractice theories, including refund, contract/refund-promise, unjust enrichment, equitable relief, confidentiality, redaction, public-record correction, and enforcement.

Item 7. Respondents' notice of motion, motion to dismiss, and supporting memorandum filed in 2025-CP-40-06986.

Item 8. Appellant's opposition to Respondents' motion to dismiss and preservation filings in 2025-CP-40-06986, limited to arguments on dismissal, sanctions, filing restriction, confidentiality, redaction, refund, nonpayment, Rule 1.5(f), flat-fee/time-record issues, and public-record correction.

Item 9. The proposed order, public-index notice, and certificate of service filed in connection with the February 25, 2026 written-order sequence in 2025-CP-40-06986, to show the Form 4 / proposed-order / written-order sequence, excluding unrelated Kevin-only pages.

Item 10. The certified February 4, 2026 hearing transcript (certified by Jeanne Meldrim, Legal Eagle, April 28, 2026), including the following specific excerpts: (a) Tr. p. 4, ll. 1-25 and p. 10, ll. 1-3: the same-day sequential 04675/06986 hearing sequence; (b) Tr. p. 5, ll. 1-25 and p. 6, ll. 1-12: Appellant's refund and Rule 1.5(f) position; (c) Tr. p. 7, ll. 11-25 and p. 8, ll. 1-10: Respondents' dismissal arguments; (d) Tr. p. 11, ll. 1-2: Respondents' counsel's express statement that the gatekeeper-history ground applied only to Mr. Rubink; and (e) Tr. p. 16, ll. 21-25 and p. 17, ll. 1-15: Appellant's statements confirming the refund dispute, her independent status from Mr. Rubink, and her redaction/confidentiality request.

Item 11. The South Carolina Bar / Fee Disputes Board public-record replacement letter and necessary investigator / Rule 1.5(f) excerpt showing the public-record, refund-notice, flat-fee, undisclosed-time-record, and redaction issues. See also Tr. p. 17, ll. 10-15 (Appellant's on-the-record redaction request).

Item 12. Kevin Rubink's Board decision letter only, designated solely for the narrow same-attorney/same-Board refund context, and excluding any Kevin gatekeeper, recusal, venue, or litigation-history context.

Item 13. Respondent Luke A. Shealey's written refund-offer emails, including the May 20, 2024 email offering \$4,000 of the original \$8,000 retainer and the subsequent email confirming that the half-retainer offer remained open. See also Tr. p. 5, ll. 10-12 and p. 16, ll. 24-25 (Appellant's hearing statements corroborating the refund offer).

Item 14. Certificates of service, clerk filing pages, and other filing-mark pages necessary to confirm that the materials listed above were filed, served, and are part of the lower-court record.

MATTER EXPRESSLY NOT DESIGNATED

Appellant does not designate broad Kevin-only exhibit packets; Kevin gatekeeper, recusal, or venue filings; duplicate copies of any order or exhibit; unrelated administrative notices; or materials not needed to decide Appellant's individual appeal. Appellant also does not designate any separate 04675 Rule 60 motion as a Rule 60 issue in this 06986 appeal.

If any designated item later requires clarification, supplementation, or conformance to the settled Record on Appeal, Appellant reserves the right to seek leave to supplement or conform the designation under the applicable South Carolina Appellate Court Rules.

Respectfully submitted,



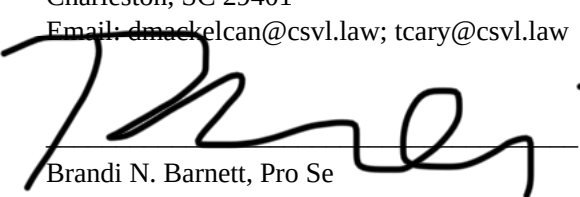
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on June 18, 2026 I served a true and correct copy of this Designation of Matter to Be Included in the Record on Appeal on counsel of record for Respondents by electronic mail and/or U.S. Mail.

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