

The South Carolina Court of Appeals

Lisa Summer Rice and Joseph F. Rice, Appellants,

v.

Newberry Lions Club and Betty S. Amick, as Personal
Representative of the Estate of C. Ray Amick,
Respondents,

AND

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

v.

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

Appellate Case No. 2025-000497

The Honorable J. Mark Hayes, II

Newberry County

Trial Court Case No. 2018CP3600089, 2019CP3600245

ORDER

The Court has received a motion to relieve Thornwell F. Sowell, III and Bess Jones DuRant as counsel for Respondent Betty S. Amick, as Personal Representative of the Estate of C. Ray Amick (“Respondent Amick”). Counsel for Appellants and counsel for Respondent Cheryl Littlejohn consented to the motion. No return was received. This motion is Granted. Thornwell F. Sowell and Bess Jones DuRant are relieved as counsel for Respondent Amick.

The appeal will be held in abeyance for thirty (30) days for Respondent Amick to obtain new counsel. If Respondent Amick seeks to continue to actively participate in this appeal, Respondent Amick must provide the Court with the name of the attorney who will be representing Respondent Amick in this matter. If the Court is not notified of any new counsel for Respondent Amick within thirty (30) days of the date of this order, this Court will presume Respondent Amick no longer intends to actively participate in the appeal.

FOR THE COURT

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