

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In The Court of Appeals

Appeal from Richland County
Court of Common Pleas

The Honorable Daniel Coble
Circuit Judge.

Case Number 2025-CP-40-07916

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SC Court of Appeals

Eric William Ruschky,.....Plaintiff/Appellant,

-v.-

The First Presbyterian Church of Columbia and Catawba
Presbytery of the General Synod of the Associate
Presbyterian Church,..... Defendants.

-of whom-

The First Presbyterian Church of Columbia isRespondent.

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Plaintiff/Appellant, Eric William Ruschky, appeals the Order dismissing his Complaint with prejudice entered on May 21, 2026, and the denial of his timely Motion under Rules 52(b) and 59(e), the same being entered June 12, 2026. Eric William Ruschky received written notice of the entry of the Order denying his Rule 52(b) and Rule 59(e) motion on June 12, 2026.

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July 7, 2026

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PROOF OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that, on this date, the **NOTICE OF APPEAL** was served on Respondent's counsel via email and by depositing a copy of it in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, addressed to opposing counsel of record, as follows:

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I further certify that all parties required by Rule to be served have been served.

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**Re: Initial Filing of Notice of Appeal
Eric William Ruschky v. The First Presbyterian Church of Columbia
Our File No. 19559.001**

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Enclosed herewith please find the Notice of Appeal, Proof of Service of the Notice of Appeal on the Respondent/Defendants, and a copy of the Orders to be challenged on appeal, in regard to the above-referenced matter. Kindly file the same and return a clocked-in copy of each to the undersigned via return email. My firm's check in the amount of \$250.00 as the filing fee will be hand-delivered to the Court.

The enclosed documents have been served upon Respondent's and Defendants' counsel today via email and first-class mail as indicated in the Proof of Service.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions. Thank you.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

CALLISON TIGHE & ROBINSON, LLC

s/ Louis H. Lang

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Enclosures
cc: (w/ encl.)

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The Honorable Daniel Coble (via first class mail)
The Honorable Jeanette W. McBride, Richland County Clerk of Court (via first class mail)

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