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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF FLORENCE

Bank of America, N.A.

Plaintiff,

v.

Fred A. Bethea

Defendant.

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

CASE NO.: 2024CP2101600

ORDER ON DEFENDANT FRED A.
BETHEA'S MOTIONS

In this case, a hearing was held on May 4, 2026. Represented Plaintiff appeared. Defendant appeared self-represented. The parties were heard. Due to the heavy case load that date I took this case under consideration. On May 12, 2026, I issued a memorandum ruling. In it I asked Plaintiff to prepare an order. I received the order and approved it. The order was electronically filed with the clerk of court on May 27, 2026.

On May 19, 2026, Defendant filed with the clerk of court the following: MOTION TO RECONSIDER TENTATIVE RULING ON SUMMARY JUDGMENT (CASE 1600), MOTION TO WITHDRAW DEEMED ADMISIONS (CASE 1600), and OBJECTION TO FORM AND SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ORDER (CASE 1600). None of Defendant's motions or objection were served on me. I obtained them from the clerk of court. Regardless of the service issue, I will address Defendant's filings.

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FLORENCE COUNTY, S.C.

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MOTION TO RECONSIDER TENTATIVE RULING ON PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR
SUMMARY JUDGMENT

I respectfully deny the motion to alter or amend the filed judgment or the informal memorandum ruling related to the summary judgment. Under SCRCP 59(f), the motion may, in the discretion of the court, be determined without oral arguments or hearing. The parties ably and fully offered their positions at the hearing. I did reconsider the ruling and order as Defendant requested; however, I do not amend, alter, or vacate the formal order or the ruling memorandum.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW DEEMED ADMISTIONS PURSUANT TO SCRCP 36(B)

Defendant moves the court, after the hearing, to allow withdrawal of the effect of his failure to respond or properly respond to Plaintiff's requests for admissions. I addressed this in the order. Defendant did not timely or properly reply to the requests for admission. Thus, the requests were and are deemed admitted. Respectfully I deny this motion.

DEFENDANT'S OBJECTION TO FORM AND SUBSTANCE ON PLAINTIFF'S
PROPOSED ORDER

This post-hearing motion is similar to the motion to alter or amend the memorandum ruling or order. Further, although not served on me but filed only with the clerk of court, I nevertheless read the objection. I find nothing in this objection that persuades me to vacate or modify the order. Regarding any motion to strike, by issuing the ruling it is clear the court denied this motion.

DEFENANT'S MOTION TO ALTER OR AMEND JUDGMENT AND TO
WITHDRAW DEEMED ADMISSIONS PURSUANT TO SCRCP 59(e) and 36(b) ; See
CASE# 2024-CP-21-01599

These motions, filed May 19, 2026, relate to an Order Judge Charles J. McCutchen issued and filed on May 26, 2026. I have no jurisdiction to address these two motions. These motions show docket #2024-CP-21-01599. I do not affirm or deny these motions.

CONCULUSION

I appreciate the alacrity of Defendant in filing and pursuing his motions and objections; however, I decline to grant his motions or sustain his objection. If a higher and more learned body of jurists finds I have erred, I will stand corrected, chastened, and rebuked.

It is so ordered and decreed this 4th day of May 2026 at Sumter, South Carolina.

George M. McFaddin, Jr.
Circuit Court Judge

(Order prepared by judge)



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So Ordered

S/George M. McFaddin, Jr., #2759

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