

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA COURT OF APPEALS

James R. Watson, Jr.,
Appellant,

v.

Lori Lee Creel a/k/a Lori Marie Creel,
Respondent.

Appeal From the Court of Common Pleas
Twelfth Judicial Circuit
Florence County

Lower Court Case No. 2025-CP-21-02092

MOTION TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS

Appellant, James R. Watson, Jr., proceeding pro se, respectfully moves the South Carolina Court of Appeals for leave to proceed in forma pauperis without the prepayment of appellate filing fees and costs.

In support of this Motion, Appellant states:

1. Appellant has filed a Notice of Appeal from the final orders entered by the Florence County Court of Common Pleas in Case No. 2025-CP-21-02092, including the Order Granting Summary Judgment entered on May 28, 2026, and the Order denying Appellant's Rule 59(e) Motion entered on July 15, 2026.
2. Appellant is financially unable to pay the appellate filing fees and costs without substantial hardship.
3. Appellant has limited financial resources and requests leave to proceed without prepayment of filing fees so that this appeal may be considered on its merits.
4. A completed financial affidavit is submitted in support of this Motion and incorporated by reference.
5. This Motion is made in good faith and is not filed for delay. Appellant believes the appeal presents substantial questions regarding the circuit court's grant of summary judgment and the denial of the Rule 59(e) motion.

WHEREFORE, Appellant respectfully requests that the South Carolina Court of Appeals grant leave to proceed in forma pauperis, waive the prepayment of appellate filing fees and costs to the extent authorized by law, and grant such other relief as the Court deems appropriate.

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Respectfully submitted,



James R. Watson, Jr.

Appellant, Pro Se

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AFFIDAVIT OF INDIGENCY

I, James R. Watson, Jr., being duly sworn, state that:

- I am the Appellant in this appeal.
- Because of my financial condition, I am unable to pay the filing fees and costs associated with this appeal without substantial hardship.
- The financial information provided to the Court is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

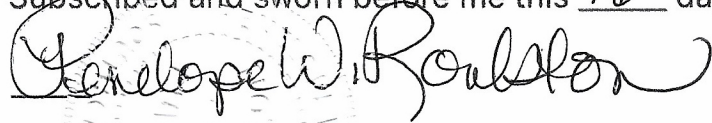
I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.



James R. Watson, Jr.

Date: 7/16/26

Subscribed and sworn before me this 16th day of July, 2026.



Notary Public for South Carolina

My Commission Expires: 5/21/2031