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STATE OF SOUT CAROLINA COUNTY OF SUMTER SAFE Federal Credit Union, Counterclaim Plaintiff, vs. Christopher J. Rogers, Counterclaim Defendant,	IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS Case No. 2024CP-43-0300 **NOTICE OF APPEAL**

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Counterclaim Defendant, Christopher J. Rogers, appearing pro se, appeals to the South Carolina Court of Appeals from the Final Order entered in this action on 23 July, 2026, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

This appeal is taken from the entirety of the Final Order, including but not limited to:

1. The finding that Counterclaim Plaintiff is entitled to foreclosure;
2. The award of attorney's fees and costs;
3. The denial of Counterclaim Defendant's Motion to Strike Undisclosed Witness Testimony and Purported Original Note;
4. The denial of Counterclaim Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment;
5. The denial of Counterclaim Defendant's Motion to Dismiss for Lack of Standing;
6. The denial of Counterclaim Defendant's post-trial motion;
7. All other rulings adverse to Counterclaim Defendant.

JURISDICTIONAL STATEMENT

This appeal is taken pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 14-3-330 and Rule 203, SCACR. The Final Order being appealed was entered on 23 July, 2026. This Notice of Appeal is being filed within thirty (30) days of the date of the Final Order as required by Rule 203(b)(2), SCACR.

ISSUES TO BE PRESERVED

Without limitation, Counterclaim Defendant intends to raise the following issues on appeal:

1. Whether the trial court erred by admitting the purported original Promissory Note without proper authentication under Rule 901, SCRE, where no witness with personal knowledge of the Note's execution or chain of custody testified.
2. Whether the trial court erred by conducting an evidentiary proceeding on April 22, 2026, without providing Counterclaim Defendant advance notice, thereby violating Rule 43, SCRCP, and the due process protections of Article I, Section 22 of the South Carolina Constitution.
3. Whether the trial court erred by converting the summary judgment proceeding to a de facto bench trial without providing Counterclaim Defendant the opportunity to subpoena witnesses, present live testimony, and conduct meaningful cross-examination, in violation of Rule 56(c), SCRCP, and Rule 43, SCRCP.
4. Whether the trial court erred by failing to make written findings of fact and conclusions of law under Rule 52(a), SCRCP, after conducting a de facto bench trial that included live witness testimony and physical exhibits.
5. Whether the trial court erred by disregarding Counterclaim Defendant's unrebutted sworn forensic affidavit, which created a genuine issue of material fact under Rule 56(e), SCRCP, regarding Counterclaim Plaintiff's standing to enforce the Promissory Note under S.C. Code Ann. § 36-3-301.

6. Whether the trial court erred by awarding attorney's fees without making the required findings under *Glasscock v. Glasscock*, 304 S.C. 158, 403 S.E.2d 313 (1991) and then adopted altered debt amounts *after* the Ruling Memorandum without a hearing or evidentiary basis in the record. Post-hearing evidence cannot be introduced without notice or opportunity to be heard.

7. Whether the trial court erred by delegating the drafting of the Final Order to opposing counsel, thereby depriving Counterclaim Defendant of a neutral, independent judicial determination.

Respectfully submitted this 24 of July 2026.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Christopher J. Rogers, do hereby certify that on 24 **July 2026**, I served a true and corrected copy of the following documents upon counsel for Counterclaim Plaintiff SAFE Federal Credit Union:

1. **Notice of Appeal**
2. **Motion to Stay Foreclosure Action Pending Appeal**
3. **Certificate of Service**

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