STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COURT OF APPEALS
CASE No: 2025-001299
CASE No: 2026-001187

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SC Court of Appeals

Attia Elbadawy and Lynne Chatlos, Appellants

v.

D.R. Horton, Inc., and Dorchester County, Respondents

APPELLANTS' MOTION TO STAY APPELLATE PROCEEDINGS PENDING DETERMINATION OF APPELLANTS' MOTION FOR CERTIFICATION BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT

COMES NOW the Appellants, appearing pro se, and respectfully move this Court for a temporary stay of all proceedings in this appeal pending the South Carolina Supreme Court's determination of Appellants' Motion for Certification filed pursuant to Rule 204(b), SCACR. This Motion is not a withdrawal, dismissal, waiver, or abandonment of this appeal. Appellants expressly intend to continue prosecuting this appeal if the Supreme Court declines certification. The sole purpose of this Motion is to preserve judicial economy, avoid conflicting appellate proceedings, and allow the Supreme Court an opportunity to determine whether it will exercise jurisdiction before additional action occurs in the Court of Appeals.

BACKGROUND

The pending Motion for Certification asks the Supreme Court to assume review of two related appeals involving the same underlying property dispute, overlapping factual records, common legal issues, and the unresolved procedural issue concerning, Resspondent, Dorchester County's participation in the appellate proceedings. Because the certification request concerns threshold issues that may affect the future course of these appeals, a temporary stay is appropriate while that request is under consideration.

ARGUMENT

1. A temporary stay promotes judicial economy by avoiding potentially unnecessary briefing, rulings, or other appellate activity if the Supreme Court grants certification.

2. A stay avoids the possibility of inconsistent proceedings while the Supreme Court determines whether it will exercise jurisdiction over these related appeals.

3. The requested stay is temporary and limited. It lasts only until the Supreme Court decides the pending Motion for Certification.

4. Granting the stay will not prejudice any party. It merely preserves the existing procedural posture while the certification request is resolved.

5. Preserving the status quo protects the integrity of the appellate process and avoids unnecessary duplication of judicial effort.

RELIEF REQUESTED

Appellants respectfully request that the Court of Appeals: • Stay all proceedings in this appeal pending the South Carolina Supreme Court's ruling on the Motion for Certification. • Suspend any briefing, scheduling, or decision deadlines during the stay. • Preserve the status quo while certification is pending. • Grant such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

CONCLUSION

Because the Motion for Certification presents threshold procedural issues that may determine which appellate court reviews these matters, a brief stay is the most efficient and orderly course. Appellants respectfully request that this Court grant the requested stay until the Supreme Court rules on certification.

Respectfully submitted,

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