

**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE
COURT OF APPEALS**

Appeal from the Court of Common Pleas
For Charleston County
Honorable Jennifer B. McCoy, Circuit Judge
Civil Action No.: 2012-CP-10-00580
Appellate Case No. 2026 - _____

THOMAS H. MORGAN,

Respondent,

v.

JOHN L. GILBERT, STUART L. FRED, BELLA VISTA PARTNERSHIP, A TEXAS GENERAL PARTNERSHIP; BOMASADA GROUP, INC. A TEXAS CORPORATION;; BOMASADA INVESTMENT GROUP II, LLC, A TEXAS LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY; LAURALIS MANAGEMENT, INC., A TEXAS CORPORATION; AND 150 BEE STREET, LLC, A SOUTH CAROLINA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY,

Defendants,

Of which STUART L. FRED, BELLA VISTA PARTNERSHIP, A TEXAS GENERAL PARTNERSHIP; BOMASADA GROUP, INC. A TEXAS CORPORATION;; BOMASADA INVESTMENT GROUP II, LLC, A TEXAS LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY; LAURALIS MANAGEMENT, INC., A TEXAS CORPORATION; AND 150 BEE STREET, LLC, A SOUTH CAROLINA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, are the

Appellants.

NOTICE OF APPEAL

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a Texas Corporation; and 150 Bee Street, LLC, a
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TO: THE HONORABLE JUDGES OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA COURT OF APPEALS:

COMES NOW the Appellants, Stuart L. Fred, Bella Vista Partnership, a Texas General Partnership; Bomasada Group, Inc., a Texas Corporation; Bomasada Investment Group II, a Texas Limited Liability Company; Lauralis Management, Inc., a Texas Corporation; and 150 Bee Street, LLC, a South Carolina Limited Liability Company,¹ pursuant to Rule 203 of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules, and respectfully serves notice they are collectively appealing the following orders and/or judgments issued by the Honorable Jennifer B. McCoy, Circuit Judge, in the above-captioned matter:

ORDER DENYING DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO VACATE JUDGMENT PURSUANT TO RULE 60(b), SCRPC, AND GRANTING MOTION FOR AWARD OF PREJUDGMENT INTEREST AND POST-JUDGMENT INTEREST issued by the Honorable Jennifer B. McCoy, Circuit Judge on 16 June 2026, and filed with the Clerk of Court for the Charleston County Court of Common Pleas on 16 June 2026, and received by the Appellants' counsel on 16 June 2026.

SCRPC FORM 4 ODER issued by the Honorable Jennifer B. McCoy, Circuit Judge on 27 July 2026, and filed with the Clerk of Court for the Charleston County Court of Common Pleas on 28 July 2026, and received by the Appellants' counsel on 28 July 2026

Copies of the referenced orders from the Honorable Jennifer B. McCoy, Circuit Judge, are collectively attached hereto as **Exhibit "A"** and incorporated herein by reference.

¹ The Defendant, John L. Gilbert ("Mr. Gilbert"), is not involved herein and is not represented by appellate counsel. His appearance, if made, would be *pro se* or by other, as yet unidentified and/or undisclosed, appellate counsel.

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I, Stephen P. Groves, Sr., Esquire, hereby certify that on **31 July 2026**, I served a copy of the **Notice of Appeal (with attached orders)** submitted by the Appellants, Stuart L. Fred, Bella Vista Partnership, a Texas General Partnership; Bomasada Group, Inc., a Texas Corporation; Bomasada Investment Group II, a Texas Limited Liability Company; Lauralis Management, Inc., a Texas Corporation; and 150 Bee Street, LLC, a South Carolina Limited Liability Company, on counsel for the Respondent, Thomas H. Morgan, via e-mail at the addresses noted:

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I, Stephen P. Groves, Sr., Esquire, further certify a copy of the **Notice of Appeal (with attached orders)** was also filed this **31st day of July 2026**, with the Charleston County Court of Common Pleas.

Signed: **Stephen P. Groves, Sr.**
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