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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Firewalker Hot Sauce Company, LLC,
Respondent,

v.

American Pharma Machinery, LLC, Dorothy Wells a/k/a Dorothy Alweny a/k/a Queen Dorothy
Amolo a/k/a Dorothy Pierce, and the Estate of Doyle Elton Pierce,
Defendants,

Of whom Dorothy Pierce is the Appellant.

Appellate Case No. 2026-000480
Lower Court Case No. 2021-CP-37-00149

APPELLANT'S DESIGNATION OF MATTER TO BE INCLUDED IN THE RECORD ON APPEAL

Pursuant to Rule 209, SCACR, Appellant Dorothy Pierce, appearing pro se, designates the following matter to be included in the Record on Appeal. Unless otherwise stated, each document identified below is designated in its entirety, including all pages, exhibits, attachments, certificates of service, cover sheets, signature pages, Form 4 pages, and other materials forming part of the filed document.

1. Initial Summons and Complaint (Jury Trial Demanded), filed February 23, 2021, to the extent relevant to the pleadings actually served upon Dorothy Pierce, American Pharma Machinery, LLC, or the Estate of Doyle Elton Pierce, and to the calculation of the time asserted by Plaintiff for answering or otherwise responding.
2. Amended Summons and Amended Complaint (Jury Trial Demanded), filed February 24, 2021.
3. Plaintiff's Affidavit of Default as to All Defendants, filed April 14, 2021.
4. Affidavit of Dorothy Pierce Concerning American Pharma Machinery, LLC, Machine Delivery, and Condition, filed April 23, 2021.
5. Answer and Affirmative Defense of Lack of Privity Filed on Behalf of the Estate of Doyle Elton Pierce, filed April 23, 2021.

6. Dorothy Pierce's Answer and Affirmative Defenses, filed April 23, 2021.
7. Probate Court Order denying Firewalker Hot Sauce Company, LLC's claim against the Estate of Doyle Elton Pierce for lack of privity, together with the filed or certified copy of that Order presented to or contained in the circuit-court record.
8. Certificate of Service for Dorothy Pierce's Notice of Appearance and Answer and Affirmative Defenses, filed April 23, 2021.
9. Dorothy Pierce's Notice of Appearance, filed April 23, 2021.
10. Plaintiff's Motion for Default Judgment Against All Defendants, filed July 15, 2021.
11. Affidavit of Non-Military Status referenced in Plaintiff's July 15, 2021 Motion for Default Judgment, to the extent filed with or otherwise contained in the lower-court record.
12. Jared Adam Pierce's Motion to Intervene, filed August 24, 2021.
13. Plaintiff's Affidavit of Attorneys' Fees and Costs, filed August 26, 2021.
14. Certificate of Service for Plaintiff's Affidavit of Attorneys' Fees and Costs, filed August 26, 2021.
15. Order Deferring Plaintiff's Motion for Default Judgment Pending Probate Appeal, filed September 7, 2021.
16. Order Granting Jared Adam Pierce's Motion to Intervene, filed October 20, 2021.
17. Complete transcript, any official audio recording, hearing minutes, court reporter record, clerk record, or other official memorialization of that proceeding contained in or properly made part of the lower-court record. of the August 30, 2021 hearing concerning Plaintiff's Motion for Default Judgment and Jared Adam Pierce's Motion to Intervene, if a transcript was prepared and is contained in or properly made part of the lower-court record.
18. Defendants' Evidence Packet: Machine Photographs, Communications, Quotation, Invoice, Product Literature, and Terms, filed October 18, 2022.
19. Order Staying the Firewalker Action Pending Appellate Remittitur, filed July 26, 2024.
20. Court of Appeals Order Dismissing Probate Appeal by Agreement, dated February 25, 2025 and filed in this action March 7, 2025.

21. Remittitur in appellate case number 2021-001552 and the circuit-court docket entry or filing reflecting its return.
22. Plaintiff's Motion to Strike American Pharma Machinery, LLC's Answer and Enter Default, filed March 12, 2025.
23. Dorothy Pierce's Motion for Temporary Protective Order Regarding Uganda Election Travel and Remote Participation, with exhibits, filed July 3, 2025.
24. July 22, 2025 Form 4 Order denying Dorothy Pierce's Motion for Temporary Protective Order Regarding Uganda Election Travel and Remote Participation.
25. Plaintiff's Notice of September 25, 2025 Hearing on Motion for Default Judgment and Motion to Strike American Pharma Machinery, LLC's Answer, with Certificate of Service, filed August 27, 2025.
26. Complete filed copy of Dorothy Pierce's Amended Answer, Affirmative Defenses, and Counterclaims Against Firewalker Hot Sauce Company, LLC and Francis "Franco" Donohue, filed September 23, 2025, including all pages, attachments, exhibits, and certificate of service.
27. Dorothy Pierce's Memorandum in Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion for Default Judgment, with Certificate of Service, filed September 25, 2025.
28. Estate of Doyle Elton Pierce's Memorandum in Opposition to Default Judgment and Motion to Dismiss, with Certificate of Service, filed September 25, 2025.
29. Complete transcript, any official audio recording, hearing minutes, court reporter record, clerk record, or other official memorialization of that proceeding contained in or properly made part of the lower-court record, of the September 25, 2025 hearing concerning Plaintiff's Motion for Default Judgment and Motion to Strike American Pharma Machinery, LLC's Answer, if a transcript was prepared and is contained in or properly made part of the lower-court record.
30. Clerk's Jury Trial Roster Notice for October 27–31, 2025, entered September 26, 2025.
31. Order Striking American Pharma Machinery, LLC's Answer and Entering Default Against American Pharma Machinery, LLC, filed September 30, 2025.

32. American Pharma Machinery, LLC's Motion to Reconsider Order Striking Answer and Entering Default, filed October 8, 2025.
33. Order Denying American Pharma Machinery, LLC's Motion to Reconsider Order Striking Answer and Entering Default, filed October 10, 2025.
34. Plaintiff's Motion for Continuance of the October 27, 2025 Trial, filed October 14, 2025.
35. Plaintiff's Motion for Default Judgment Against Dorothy Pierce, filed October 14, 2025.
36. Plaintiff's Motion to Strike Dorothy Pierce's Amended Answer, Affirmative Defenses, and Counterclaims, filed October 14, 2025.
37. Plaintiff's Motion for Default Judgment Against American Pharma Machinery, LLC, filed October 14, 2025.
38. Order on Plaintiff's Motion for Continuance, filed October 17, 2025, including the complete Order and electronic-signature page.
39. Dorothy Pierce's Motion to Remove Case from Trial Docket and for Continuance, with Cover Sheet and Certificate of Service, filed October 21, 2025.
40. Exhibits Supporting Dorothy Pierce's Motion to Remove Case from Trial Docket and for Continuance, including the Uganda Electoral Commission schedule and travel records, filed October 21, 2025.
41. Plaintiff's Renewed Motion for Continuance of Trial, filed October 23, 2025.
42. Form 4 Order Denying Dorothy Pierce's and Plaintiff's Motions for Continuance, filed October 24, 2025.
43. Court and party email correspondence concerning the trial docket, continuance, default hearing, notice, remote participation, and submission of previously filed opposition materials, dated October 8 through October 27, 2025, to the extent contained in or properly made part of the lower-court record.
44. Any nomination papers, election documents, or other materials submitted by Dorothy Pierce to the circuit court on or about October 27, 2025, together with any filing, email, acknowledgment, docket entry, or other record establishing the circuit court's receipt or consideration of those materials.

45. Complete transcript, any official audio recording, hearing minutes, court reporter record, clerk record, or other official memorialization of that proceeding contained in or properly made part of the lower-court record of the October 27, 2025 proceeding concerning Plaintiff's Motion for Default Judgment Against Dorothy Pierce, if a transcript was prepared and is contained in or properly made part of the lower-court record.
46. Form 4 Order Entering Default Against Dorothy Pierce and Reserving Damages for a Later Hearing, filed November 24, 2025.
47. Order Entering Default Judgment Against American Pharma Machinery, LLC and Dorothy Pierce and Reserving Damages for a Later Hearing, filed December 8, 2025.
48. Plaintiff's Notice of January 8, 2026 Damages Hearing, Court Roster Notice, and Certificates of Service, filed December 23, 2025.
49. Dorothy Pierce's January 6, 2026 Request for Continuance of the January 8, 2026 Damages Hearing, together with related correspondence submitted to, received by, filed with, or otherwise made part of the lower-court record.
50. Dorothy Pierce's Scheduling Request Regarding the January 8, 2026 Damages Hearing and Request for Remote Participation, submitted January 8, 2026.
51. Dorothy Pierce's Brief in Opposition to Damages, with exhibits and photographic evidence, submitted January 8, 2026.
52. Official Summary of Plaintiff's Damages-Hearing Exhibits 1 through 5, filed January 8, 2026.
53. Plaintiff's Damages-Hearing Exhibit 1: American Pharma Machinery, LLC Invoice No. 1139 and Warranty Terms, filed January 8, 2026.
54. Plaintiff's Damages-Hearing Exhibit 2: Sachet Proof Communications and \$945 Film Payment, filed January 8, 2026.
55. Plaintiff's Damages-Hearing Exhibit 3: Payroll, Produce, and Facility Checks, filed January 8, 2026.
56. Plaintiff's Damages-Hearing Exhibit 4: Biltmore 15 ml Packet Proposal and Product Images, filed January 8, 2026.

57. Plaintiff's Damages-Hearing Exhibit 5: Supplemental Affidavit of Attorneys' Fees and Redacted Invoices, filed January 8, 2026.
58. Complete transcript any official audio recording, hearing minutes, court reporter record, clerk record, or other official memorialization of that proceeding contained in or properly made part of the lower-court record of the January 8, 2026 Damages Hearing before the Honorable Jane H. Merrill.
59. Form 4 Order Granting Damages and Denying Dorothy Pierce's Continuance Request, filed January 9, 2026.
60. Certificate of Service for Plaintiff's Proposed Damages Default Judgment, filed January 30, 2026.
61. Plaintiff's Proposed Damages Default Judgment served on or about January 30, 2026, together with all attachments and related service materials, to the extent contained in the lower-court record.
62. Final Order for Damages Default Judgment, filed February 3, 2026.
63. Form 4 accompanying the February 3, 2026 Final Order for Damages Default Judgment.
64. Notice, transmittal, or other record reflecting service or notice of entry of the February 3, 2026 Final Order upon Dorothy Pierce on February 4, 2026.
65. Dorothy Pierce's Notice of Appeal from the February 3, 2026 Damages Default Judgment, with attached Order, filed February 27, 2026.
66. Affidavits of Service for American Pharma Machinery, LLC, Dorothy Pierce, and the Estate of Doyle Elton Pierce referenced in Plaintiff's April 14, 2021 Affidavit of Default.
67. Any certificate of service, electronic-filing service confirmation, mailing record, returned-mail record, or other proof of service concerning Plaintiff's October 14, 2025 Motion for Default Judgment Against Dorothy Pierce.
68. Any certificate of service, electronic-filing service confirmation, mailing record, returned-mail record, or other proof of service relied upon in the December 8, 2025 Order as establishing service of the applications for default judgment.

69. Any filing, acknowledgment, docket entry, email, or other record reflecting the circuit court's receipt, filing, review, or consideration of Dorothy Pierce's January 8, 2026 Brief in Opposition to Damages and accompanying exhibits and photographic evidence.
70. Any pleading filed by Jared Adam Pierce after the October 20, 2021 Order granting intervention, and any order, stipulation, dismissal, docket entry, or other disposition terminating, adjudicating, or otherwise resolving his intervenor status.
71. Any order dismissing, adjudicating, or otherwise resolving Firewalker Hot Sauce Company, LLC's claims against the Estate of Doyle Elton Pierce.
72. Any filing, order, certificate, docket entry, or other record material concerning the Probate Court Order denying Firewalker Hot Sauce Company, LLC's claim against the Estate of Doyle Elton Pierce for lack of privity, including any filing by which that Order was presented to or made part of the circuit-court record.
73. Any order ruling upon Plaintiff's October 14, 2025 Motion to Strike Dorothy Pierce's Amended Answer, Affirmative Defenses, and Counterclaims.
74. Any order ruling upon Dorothy Pierce's September 23, 2025 Motion for Leave to Amend or otherwise determining the legal status of Dorothy Pierce's September 23, 2025 Amended Answer, Affirmative Defenses, and Counterclaims.
75. Any order adjudicating, dismissing, striking, adding, denying joinder of, or otherwise determining the status of Francis "Franco" Donohue or the claims asserted against him.
76. Any order entered before or in connection with the February 3, 2026 Final Order dismissing, adjudicating, striking, or otherwise disposing of Dorothy Pierce's Counterclaims against Firewalker Hot Sauce Company, LLC or Francis "Franco" Donohue.
77. Any Rule 54(b), SCRCp, certification entered in this action before or in connection with the February 3, 2026 Final Order for Damages Default Judgment.
78. Any order, filing, or docket entry concerning issuance or filing of the remittitur in appellate case number 2021-001552 or the lifting, termination, or expiration of the stay imposed in this action.
79. Any Rule 52(b), SCRCp, Rule 59(e), SCRCp, Rule 60(b), SCRCp, or other post-judgment motion, memorandum, response, exhibit, order, or related filing directed to or

concerning the February 3, 2026 Final Order for Damages Default Judgment, if any such matter appears in the lower-court record.

80. Any transcript or other official hearing record of any additional proceeding at which the circuit court heard or considered Plaintiff's request for default against Dorothy Pierce; Dorothy Pierce's opposition to default; Plaintiff's Motion to Strike Dorothy Pierce's amended pleading or counterclaims; the status of the Estate of Doyle Elton Pierce; Jared Adam Pierce's intervention; the proposed addition or status of Francis "Franco" Donohue; Dorothy Pierce's requests for continuance or remote participation; or damages incorporated into the February 3, 2026 Final Order.
81. Any order or Form 4 entered in connection with a motion, claim, defense, party, hearing, or proceeding specifically designated above that is contained in the lower-court record and is not otherwise separately identified in this Designation.
82. Any proof of service, affidavit of service, certificate of service, mailing record, electronic-service confirmation, returned-mail record, or other service document relied upon by the circuit court or a party concerning a motion, hearing notice, order, or proceeding challenged in this appeal and not otherwise separately identified above.
83. Any corrected, complete, file-stamped, or clerk-certified version of a specifically designated document where another available copy is incomplete, missing a page, missing an attachment, or otherwise does not constitute the complete filed document.
84. Any circuit-court docket entry reflecting the filing, service, hearing, adjudication, disposition, withdrawal, striking, amendment, or unresolved status of any pleading, motion, counterclaim, party, order, or other matter specifically designated above.
85. Any filing, order, Form 4, minute entry, stipulation, dismissal, or other disposition concerning any claim or party remaining in this action through February 3, 2026, including American Pharma Machinery, LLC, Dorothy Pierce, the Estate of Doyle Elton Pierce, Jared Adam Pierce as intervenor, and Francis "Franco" Donohue to the extent his proposed joinder or the claims asserted against him were before the circuit court.
86. Any filing or order affecting the status or disposition of Dorothy Pierce's September 23, 2025 Amended Answer, Affirmative Defenses, Counterclaims, Motion for Leave to

Amend, or claims against Firewalker Hot Sauce Company, LLC and Francis “Franco” Donohue that is not otherwise separately identified above.

87. Any filing, order, certificate, docket entry, or other record material concerning the status or disposition of Firewalker Hot Sauce Company, LLC’s claims against the Estate of Doyle Elton Pierce that is not otherwise separately identified above.

88. Any filing, order, certificate, docket entry, or other record material concerning Jared Adam Pierce’s intervention or subsequent status as an intervenor that is not otherwise separately identified above.

Respectfully submitted this August 8, 2026



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