

The Supreme Court of South Carolina

Jesse Near, as Personal Representative of the Estate of
Douglas Larry Belger, Plaintiff,

v.

Enerco Group, Inc., d/b/a Mr. Heater, Respondent.

Appellate Case No. 2026-001579

ORDER

Pursuant to Rule 244, SCACR, the Court will answer the following question certified to this Court by order of the Honorable DeAndrea Gist Benjamin, Circuit Judge for the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit:

Do adequate product warnings preclude a design defect claim
as a matter of South Carolina law?

The parties shall proceed to serve and file briefs as provided by Rule 244(e), SCACR. The parties are reminded Rule 244 does not provide for the filing of initial briefs; therefore, only final briefs should be filed in this matter.



FOR THE COURT

C.J.

Columbia, South Carolina
August 13, 2026

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The Honorable DeAndrea Gist Benjamin