FORM 4

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF ORANGEBURG
IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

JUDGMENT IN A CIVIL CASE

CASE NO. 2019-CP-38-00550

ROBERT GEATHERS AND DEBRA GEATHERS	NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
APPLICANT	DEFENDANT

Submitted by: COURT	**Attorney for :** ☐ Plaintiff ☐ Defendant or ☐ Self-Represented Litigant

DISPOSITION TYPE (CHECK ONE)

☐ **JURY VERDICT**. This action came before the court for a trial by jury. The issues have been tried and a verdict rendered.

☒ **DECISION BY THE COURT**. This action came to trial or hearing before the court. The issues have been tried or heard and a decision rendered.

☐ **ACTION DISMISSED** (*CHECK REASON*): ☐ Rule 12(b), SCRCP; ☐ Rule 41(a), SCRCP (Vol. Nonsuit); ☐ Rule 43(k), SCRCP (Settled); ☐ Other

☐ **ACTION STRICKEN** (*CHECK REASON*): ☐ Rule 40(j), SCRCP; ☐ Bankruptcy; ☐ Binding arbitration, subject to right to restore to confirm, vacate or modify arbitration award; ☐ Other

☐ **DISPOSITION OF APPEAL TO THE CIRCUIT COURT** *(CHECK APPLICABLE BOX)*: ☐ Affirmed; ☐ Reversed; ☐ Remanded; ☐ Other

IT IS ORDERED AND ADJUDGED: ☐ See attached order (formal order to follow) ☒ Statement of Judgment by the Court:

This matter originally came before the Court on June 25, 2026 in Saluda County for a hearing on Defendant's post-trial motions. The Court issued an order dated July 21, 2026, and Defendant NCAA timely filed a motion for reconsideration dated July 31, 2026. The Court finds that a formal hearing would not aid the Court is ruling on NCAA's motion.

As a preliminary matter, the Court notes that it did incorrectly check the box indicating "formal order to follow." The Order of July 21, 2026 is the final order on NCAA's post-trial motions, and no formal order will be issued addressing NCAA's motions.

The Court fully considered NCAA's JNOV motion and request for a new trial *nisi remittitur*. The verdict was not excessive or otherwise inappropriate in that the damages award was supported by the evidence presented at trial. Similarly, the Court fully considered the other grounds raised in NCAA's July 31, 2026 motion. The Court is satisfied that South Carolina law was correctly applied in this case, and to the extent novel issues concerning South Carolina law exist, such as application of the charitable immunity cap to Mrs. Geathers' cause of action, the Court declines to reduce the award for the reasons outlined in the July 21, 2026 order.

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Accordingly, the Court declines to modify the prior order except as to note that the July 21, 2026 form order is the final order and no formal order will follow.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

ORDER INFORMATION

This order ☒ ends ☐ does not end the case.
Additional Information for the Clerk : _____

INFORMATION FOR THE JUDGMENT INDEX **Complete this section below when the judgment affects title to real or personal property or if any amount should be enrolled. If there is no judgment information, indicate "N/A" in one of the boxes below.**		
Judgment in Favor of (List name(s) below)	**Judgment Against (List name(s) below)**	**Judgment Amount To be Enrolled (List amount(s) below)**
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Frank R. Addy, Jr.	2159	Aug. 11, 2026
Circuit Court Judge	**Judge Code**	**Date**

For Clerk of Court Office Use Only

This judgment was entered on the day of , 20 and a copy mailed first class or placed in the appropriate attorney's box on this day of , 20 to attorneys of record or to parties (when appearing pro se) as follows:

ATTORNEY(S) FOR THE PLAINTIFF(S)

ATTORNEY(S) FOR THE DEFENDANT(S)

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Court Reporter: No hearing held on motion to reconsider

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So Ordered

S/ Frank R. Addy, Jr.