State of South Carolina)
County of Anderson) CASE NO.:

_____)

) (Fill in your Common Pleas Case Number)

Woodward Rentals)
Plaintiff/Respondent,)

) MOTION TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS

v.) AND WAIVE APPELLATE FILING FEE

Danielle Leopard)
Defendant/Appellant.)

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The Defendant/Appellant, appearing pro se, respectfully moves this Honorable Court pursuant to South Carolina appellate rules for an Order waiving the $150.00 appellate filing fee and allowing the Defendant to proceed in forma pauperis.

In support of this Motion, the Defendant shows the Court the following:

1. The Defendant is a citizen and resident of Anderson County, South Carolina, and is the appellant in this matter.

2. The Defendant is financially unable to pay the required $150.00 filing fee due to extreme financial hardship, low income, and the immediate threat of homelessness for themselves and their two minor children.

3. The Defendant has a meritorious appeal based on an error of law, specifically that the Court of Common Pleas lacked jurisdiction to grant judgment because the underlying claim was previously disposed of WITH PREJUDICE, barring this action under the doctrine of res judicata.

4. The attached financial affidavit accurately reflects the Defendant's current financial status and lack of independent funds to cover court costs.

WHEREFORE, the Defendant/Appellant respectfully requests that this Court grant this Motion, waive the $150.00 filing fee, and permit this appeal to proceed without the prepayment of costs.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: August 21, 2026 By:

(Your Signature)

Name:

Address:

City/State/Zip:

Phone:

Use code with caution.

The Required Financial Affidavit

The Court of Appeals will not grant the fee waiver unless you attach a financial breakdown proving you cannot afford the $150. Copy, paste, and fill out tis short affidavit right below the motion. This must be signed in front of a Notary Public. [1]

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
) AFFIDAVIT OF INDIGENCY
COUNTY OF ANDERSON)

I, Danielle Leopard, being first duly sworn, depose and state:

1. I am the Defendant/Appellant in this action and I cannot afford to pay the fees or costs of this appeal.
2. My current monthly income from all sources is $1100.00.
3. I have 2 dependents (children) living with me in my household.
4. My monthly rent/mortgage is $620.00, and my essential utility costs are $325.00.
5. I do not own any significant assets, real estate, or savings that could be used to pay court costs without causing immediate homelessness and deprivation to my family.
6. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date: August 21, 2026 By: Danielle Leopard

(Your Signature)

Notary Public for South Carolina

My Commission Expires: 12-18-2035

To the Clerk of the South Carolina Court of Appeals: Enclosed please find my Notice of Appeal and emergency statement for filing. Also enclosed is my Motion to Proceed in Forma Pauperis and Affidavit of Indigency. I respectfully request a waiver of the $150.00 appellate filing fee due to severe financial hardship and immediate risk of housing instability. Thank you for your assistance. Sincerely,

Danielle Lopez

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