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Re: M.C. Blease v. Little Giant ATM, Inc.
Appellate Case No. 2025-001470

Dear Counsel and Mr. Sturkie:

Enclosed is the Court's decision regarding the motions to dismiss filed February 3, 2026. Within thirty (30) days of the date of this letter, Respondents shall serve and file their initial briefs and designations of matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jasmine D. Smith, Deputy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the last name "Smith" being the most prominent part.

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cc: Ralph Nichols Riley, Jr., Esquire
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M.C. Blease, Individually, and as Co-Trustee of the M.C. Blease et. al. Trust, the M.C. Blease Irrevocable Trust, the M.C. Blease BMB Revocable Trust, Connie B. Reames, Individually, and as the Co-Trustee of the M.C. Blease et. al. Trust, the M.C. Blease BMB Irrevocable Trust, the M.C. Blease BMB Revocable Trust; Rufus Eugene Trotter, as Co-Trustee of the M.C. Blease BMB Irrevocable Trust, the M.C. Blease BMB Revocable Trust; Alexis B. Gunter, Joseph B. Hammond, Connie B. Reames, Charlton B. Sample, Sue B. Sample, Russel L. Sample, and John B. Crawford, Appellants,

v.

Little Giant ATM, Inc., Samuel Sturkie Jackson, Jr., Samuel Sturkie Jackson, III, Daniel "Frank" Shumpert, III, Daniel F. Shumpert, IV, Steven Davis, Boss Ramsey, John Quick, Dale Young, and D.M. Skip Mayes, Respondents.

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ORDER

Appellants have filed an appeal from two circuit court orders. The first order grants summary judgment in part as to the Respondents. The second order denies reconsideration of the first order. Respondents Little Giant ATM, Inc., Daniel "Frank" Shumpert, III, Daniel F. Shumpert, IV, Steven Davis, Boss Ramsey, John Quick, Dale Young, and D.M. Skip Mayes filed motions to dismiss, arguing the orders on appeal are interlocutory and not immediately appealable. Appellants filed a return, opposing dismissal.

After careful consideration, we allow this appeal to proceed without prejudice to the parties arguing regarding the appealability of the orders on appeal in their

briefs. See S.C. Code Ann. § 14-3-330(1) (2017) (defining appellate jurisdiction to include "[a]ny intermediate judgment, order or decree in a law case involving the merits in actions commenced in the court of common pleas and general sessions, brought there by original process or removed there from any inferior court or jurisdiction, and final judgments in such actions"); S.C. Code Ann. § 14-3-330(2) (2017) (further defining appellate jurisdiction to include "[a]n order affecting a substantial right made in an action when such order (a) in effect determines the action and prevents a judgment from which an appeal might be taken or discontinues the action, (b) grants or refuses a new trial or (c) strikes out an answer or any part thereof or any pleading in any action"); *Link v. School District of Pickens County*, 302 S.C. 1, 6, 393 S.E.2d 176, 179 (1990) (allowing a party to appeal an intermediate order granting partial summary judgment because it had the effect of striking a pleading).



FOR THE COURT

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Columbia, South Carolina

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