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IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA COURT OF APPEALS

Nationstar Mortgage, LLC, Respondent,

v.

**Carolyn Brantley, Grantor and General Executor of the Carolyn Brantley Estate,
Appellant.**

Appellate Case No. 2025-002464

**ENTRY BY SPECIAL APPEARANCE,
APPELLANT'S BRIEF IN SUPPORT OF LEAVE TO FILE OUT OF TIME,
NOTICE OF FRAUD UPON THE COURT,
AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT
AND DEMAND FOR CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW**

SUMMARY OF APPELLANT'S POSITION

COMES NOW Carolyn Brantley, appearing by special appearance only and without waiver of any constitutional, jurisdictional, equitable, procedural, or substantive rights, and respectfully submits that this appeal presents issues extending beyond ordinary procedural default. At stake are fundamental constitutional protections, the integrity of judicial proceedings, the preservation of estate property, and the public's confidence that courts remain forums of justice rather than instruments of deprivation.

Appellant asserts that meaningful notice was not received regarding critical appellate obligations until receipt of correspondence indicating that dismissal of the appeal was imminent. The absence of adequate notice raises serious due-process concerns under both the United States Constitution and the Constitution of South Carolina. Before property rights may be impaired, constitutional principles require notice reasonably calculated to inform affected parties and provide a meaningful opportunity to be heard.

Appellant further submits that substantial questions exist concerning the integrity of the underlying proceedings and the chain of title upon which enforcement actions have been predicated. Where allegations suggest concealment of material facts, defective conveyances, unauthorized transfers, misrepresentations, or other conduct affecting the legitimacy of judicial outcomes, courts possess both the authority and the responsibility to examine such claims carefully. The judiciary's foremost obligation is not the preservation of procedural technicalities, but the preservation of justice itself.

This matter concerns more than paperwork. It concerns whether a citizen and an estate may be deprived of property without full constitutional scrutiny, whether questions affecting title and ownership may remain unresolved, and whether judicial proceedings should proceed when credible concerns regarding procedural fairness remain unanswered.

The Carolyn Brantley Estate respectfully maintains that no person should lose property through processes clouded by unanswered questions of notice, standing, authority, or procedural integrity. The law is strongest when it protects the rights of the vulnerable, the unrepresented, and those seeking access to the courts in good faith.

Good cause exists to permit filing out of time. Appellant acted upon receiving actual notice, seeks relief without undue delay, and raises issues affecting substantial rights and potential irreparable harm.

Dismissal under these circumstances would elevate form over substance and could permanently foreclose review of matters implicating constitutional guarantees and property interests.

Accordingly, Appellant respectfully requests that the Court:

1. Grant leave to file appellate materials out of time;
2. Preserve the status quo pending review;
3. Require preservation of records and evidence relevant to the chain of title and underlying proceedings;
4. Conduct such constitutional and equitable review as justice requires;
5. Consider the allegations of fraud upon the court and procedural irregularities affecting the integrity of the proceedings; and
6. Award such other relief as the Court deems just, equitable, and proper.

The courts of South Carolina stand as guardians of due process, property rights, and the rule of law. Appellant respectfully asks only for what the Constitution promises every citizen: notice, fairness, an opportunity to be heard, and a full and impartial review before irreversible consequences are imposed.

Further Affiant sayeth not.

Respectfully submitted this 29th day of July, 2026.

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VERIFICATION

I, **Carolyn Brantley**, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of South Carolina and the United States of America that the foregoing statements are true and correct to the best of my personal knowledge and belief.

Executed this 29th day of July, 2026.

Carolyn Brantley
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General Executor, Affiant

NOTARY ACKNOWLEDGMENT

State of South Carolina
County of Jasper

Subscribed and sworn before me this 29th day of July, 2026, by Carolyn Brantley, who is personally known to me or has produced satisfactory identification.

Cathleen Mervin
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: Nov. 14, 2035

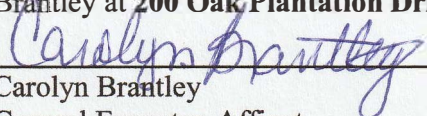
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in the matter of **Nationstar Mortgage, LLC v. Carolyn Brantley**, Appellate Case No. 2025-002464, referenced in the correspondence from the Supreme Court of South Carolina addressed to Carolyn Brantley at **200 Oak Plantation Drive, Ridgeland, South Carolina 29936**.



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