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EXHIBIT A

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF CHARLESTON

) IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
) THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
)

Danielle C. Brown, individually and as
Personal Representative of the Estate of
George L. Brown.,

)
)
) CASE NO. 2023-CP-10-04783
)

Plaintiffs

ORDER

v.

Crystal Brown Nwaneri, Richard Roe
and Mary Roe, adults whose true names are
unknown, John Doe and Jane Doe, infants,
incompetents, or persons under disability or in
the military service, if any, whose true names,
are unknown these four names being fictitious
names designating the unknown heirs,
beneficiaries, devisees, distributes, issues,
executors, administrators, trustees, personal
representatives, successors and assigns of
George L. Brown, if any, and also all other
persons unknown, claiming any right, title,
estate interest in, or lien upon the real estate
described in the Complaint herein,

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Defendants.

This matter came before the Court on June 15, 2026, pursuant to Defendant Crystal Brown Nwaneri's "Verified Motion for Relief from Judgment Pursuant to Rule 60(b), SCRCPP" (the "Motion"). At the call of the case, Salah Hibri appeared on behalf of Danielle C. Brown, individually and as Personal Representative of the Estate of George L. Brown., and Crystal Brown Nwaneri appeared proceeding *pro se*. After consideration of the record, arguments of the parties, and the applicable law, the Court finds the Defendant's Motion is moot and therefore, dismissed.

STANDARD OF REVIEW

“The final disposition of a case occurs when the remittitur is returned by the clerk of the appellate court and filed in the lower court.” *Christy v. Christy*, 317 S.C. 145, 151, 452 S.E.2d 1, 4 (Ct. App. 1994) (citing *McDowell v. South Carolina Department of Social Services*, 300 S.C. 24, 386 S.E.2d 280 (Ct.App.1989)). Upon the issuance of the remittitur from an appellate court, the circuit court only “acquires jurisdiction to enforce the judgment and take any action consistent with the appellate court’s ruling.” *Martin v. Paradise Cove Marina, Inc.*, 348 S.C. 379, 385, 559 S.E.2d 348, 351–52 (Ct. App. 2001). “Matters decided by the appellate court cannot be reheard, reconsidered, or relitigated in the trial court, even under the guise of a different form” and “[i]t is the duty of the trial court to follow the decision of the appellate court.” *Ackerman v. McMillan*, 324 S.C. 440, 443, 477 S.E.2d 267, 268 (Ct. App. 1996).

DISCUSSION

The Summons and Complaint for this quiet title action was filed on September 28, 2023, seeking declaratory judgment. On October 16, 2023, the Affidavit of Mark A. Mason was filed, followed by Judge Roger M. Young Sr.’s Order of Publication entered on October 17, 2023. Then, pursuant to Plaintiffs’ Motion for Reference to the Master-in-Equity, Judge Jefferson’s December 19, 2024 Order referred the case under Rule 53, SCRCP to “The Honorable Mikell R. Scarborough, Master-in-Equity for Charleston County, to take testimony and issue a Final Decree, with any appeal from the Master to be directly to the South Carolina Supreme Court or the Court of Appeal pursuant to § 14-11.85.” The Honorable Mikell R. Scarborough, Master-in-Equity for Charleston County entered the “Final Order Quieting Title” on March 19, 2025, finding in favor of the Estate of George Lee Brown, its Personal Representative being Danielle C. Brown.

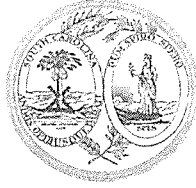
On April 23, 2025, Defendant Nwaneri filed a document styled as “Defendant’s Renewed Motion to Vacate Default Judgment and/or for a New Trial Under Rules 59 & 60, SCRPC.” Defendant Nwaneri then sent a letter addressed to the Charleston Clerk of Court asserting the “Defendant’s Renewed Motion to Vacate Default Judgment and/or for a New Trial Under Rules 59 & 60, SCRPC” should have been filed April 21, 2025, rather than April 23, 2025. Regardless, this motion was denied in the Master-in-Equity’s Form 4 Order dated May 28, 2025, “as no responsive pleadings were ever filed by or on behalf of the Defendant.”

Following Defendant Nwaneri’s Notice of Appeal filed July 8, 2025, the remittitur as well as the order from the South Carolina Court of Appeals was entered on October 3, 2025. The order provided that the “Appellant has failed to order the transcript, as required by Rule 207 of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules and this Court’s letter dated July 29, 2025. Accordingly, this matter is dismissed.” Thereafter, on December 22, 2025, Defendant Nwaneri filed the Motion scheduled before the Court at the June 15, 2026 hearing.

After careful consideration of the record, the arguments presented, and the applicable law, the Court finds that the matters remanded by the Court of Appeals have been fully resolved. Accordingly, there is no further relief this Court may grant pursuant to the remittitur, and therefore, this motion is DISMISSED.

IT IS SO ORDERED!

Presiding Judge Diane S. Goodstein



Charleston Common Pleas

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defendant, et al
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It is so Ordered!

s/Diane S. Goodstein