

The Supreme Court of South Carolina

Charles A. Trant, M.D., Respondent,

v.

MagMutual Insurance Company, Petitioner.

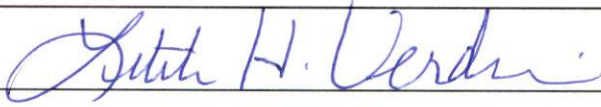
Appellate Case No. 2026-001165

ORDER

By order dated June 5, 2026, this Court granted a temporary stay of the trial in a bad faith action against Petitioner pending resolution of Petitioner's request for a common law writ of certiorari. The parties have now filed their briefs, and Respondent has filed a three-volume Appendix and a motion asking this Court to determine whether the Appendix should be sealed. Petitioner has filed a return arguing that although sealing the Appendix is not required, some documents contained in the Appendix should be protected from public exposure as they were determined by the circuit court to be confidential. In response to Petitioner's return, Respondent filed a reply referencing certain evidence in the Appendix that should be considered by the Court. Petitioner then filed a motion to strike those portions of Respondent's reply referencing testimony it contends violates the circuit court's confidentiality order. Respondent opposes the motion to strike.

Because resolution of the sole issue in this matter—whether Respondent's bad faith action against Petitioner is ripe when the underlying judgment in the medical malpractice case is pending on appeal—is purely a question of law for this Court, we decline to consider the Appendix filed by Respondent. The motion to determine whether the Appendix should be sealed and the motion to strike are denied as moot.


C.J.

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Columbia, South Carolina
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