

**THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In The Court of Appeals**

APPEAL FROM SALUDA COUNTY
Court of Common Pleas
The Honorable Walton J. McLeod, IV, Circuit Court Judge

Appellate Case No. 2026-001043
Trial Court Case No. 2025-CP-41-00150

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HUGH PARKS PRICE, Appellant,

v.

REBECCA BARTLEY, Respondent.

**NOTICE OF COMPLIANCE AND REQUEST FOR DIRECTION
REGARDING PENDING MOTION FOR LEAVE**

Appellant Hugh Parks Price, appearing *pro se*, respectfully submits this Notice to advise the Court of his compliance with the Order filed September 9, 2026, and to request direction on a matter of sequencing that the Order did not address.

1. By Order filed September 9, 2026, this Court granted Appellant's motion to reinstate this appeal, accepted the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter to be Included in the Record on Appeal as filed, and directed that within ten days Appellant serve those documents on Respondent and provide this Court with proof of service. The Order further held the appeal in abeyance pending consideration of Respondent's motion to dismiss filed August 31, 2026.

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2. Appellant has complied. On JULY 31, 2026, Appellant served the Initial Brief of Appellant and the Designation of Matter to be Included in the Record on Appeal — the documents this Court accepted as filed — upon counsel for Respondent by United States Certified Mail and by electronic mail. Proof of service is filed herewith.

3. Appellant respectfully draws the Court's attention to a matter the Order did not reach. On September 10, 2026, Appellant filed a Motion for Leave to File Corrected Initial Brief of Appellant, together with his Return in opposition to Respondent's motion to dismiss. That motion remains pending. In it, Appellant withdrew without qualification two citations appearing in the Initial Brief that do not exist, and disclosed on his own initiative a third authority that, though genuine, is unpublished and should not have been cited. Rule 268(d)(2), SCACR. No corrected brief accompanied that motion.

4. Appellant now tenders the Corrected Initial Brief of Appellant with this Notice, so that the Court may see what Appellant seeks leave to file rather than rule upon a description of it. *See* Rule 240(c)(3), SCACR. The tendered brief withdraws the two nonexistent citations and the unpublished decision, and every authority remaining in it has been verified against the published reporters. Appellant tenders it conditionally. It is not filed as his initial brief, it does not supersede the brief this Court accepted on September 9, 2026, and Appellant asks that it be treated as an exhibit to the pending Motion for Leave unless and until that motion is granted.

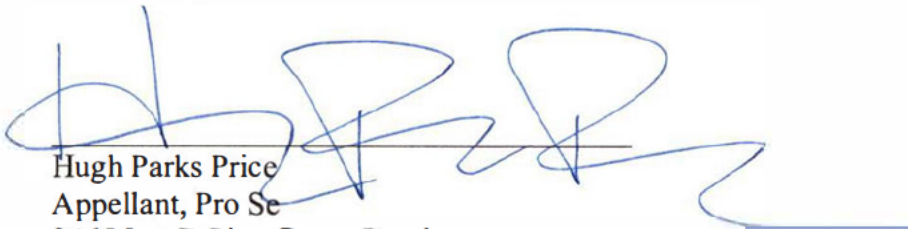
5. The result is that the brief this Court directed Appellant to serve is the brief Appellant has asked leave to correct. Appellant does not presume to resolve that sequencing himself. He has served the accepted Initial Brief because that is what the Order directs, and Rule 240(b), SCACR, provides that the pendency of a motion does not stay a time limit. He has also served a copy of the tendered Corrected Initial Brief, for Respondent's information only and

without treating that service as compliance with the Order, so that Respondent is not left to respond to a brief Appellant has asked leave to withdraw.

6. Appellant respectfully requests that, when this Court rules upon the pending Motion for Leave, it specify whether re-service of the Corrected Initial Brief and a further proof of service are required, and if so, fix the time for doing so. Rule 263(b), SCACR, authorizes this Court, or any judge thereof, to extend or shorten the time prescribed for performing any act other than service of a notice of appeal. Appellant seeks no extension of the ten-day period set by the September 9 Order, with which he has complied, and asks only that the Court direct what, if anything, follows.

7. Appellant states one further matter candidly. He recognizes that the defect he disclosed is his own, that a pro se litigant is held to the same standards as a licensed attorney, and that the burden of untangling the resulting sequence should not fall on the Court or on Respondent. He raises it now, before it can become a further irregularity, rather than allowing the record to develop an ambiguity about which document is operative.

Respectfully submitted,



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Dated: September 21, 2026

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on September 21, 2026, I served a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice of Compliance and Request for Direction upon counsel for Respondent by United States Certified Mail, postage prepaid, and by electronic mail, addressed as follows:

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