

1 STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA) IN THE 15TH CIRCUIT COURT)

2 COUNTY OF HORRY)

3) TRANSCRIPT OF RECORD

4 VALARIE HARRISON,

5 VINCENT GLORIOSO) CASE NO: 2024-CP-26-08610)

6 PLAINTIFF) MARCH 23, 2026

7 -VS-

8 HOLIDAY INN CLUB VACATIONS, ET AL)

9 DEFENDANT)

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11 HONORABLE ALEX B. HYMAN, JUDGE

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1 **THE COURT:** I've got Barry versus Elite Coastal that
2 was also completed, which brings us to Harrison versus Holiday
3 Inn Club Vacations.

4 **MR. LAWSON:** Your Honor, Ed Lawson, and Megan Burns
5 for the defendant. I know there was a flurry of emails in the
6 last 5 -- 35 minutes about what we're doing today.

7 **THE COURT:** It is my understanding that Ms. Harrison
8 is not coming, but I think that she has indicated that she --
9 her arguments will rest on the briefs that she has provided as
10 well as the number of emails. Is that right, Brett?

11 **JUDGE'S CLERK:** Yes.

12 **THE COURT:** All right. But with that being said, I
13 think that there was the plaintiff's motion to reopen the
14 case. And then there was the defendant's motion for
15 sanctions. Is that correct?

16 **MR. LAWSON:** Yes, Your Honor.

17 **THE COURT:** With that being said, I'm happy to hear
18 your opposition as it relates to the motion to reopen. I have
19 had an opportunity to meet her motion to reopen the case that
20 was previously sent to arbitration. So, whoever wants to
21 speak, I'm happy to hear from you.

22 **MR. LAWSON:** I'd be glad to, Your Honor, as
23 indicated, Ed Lawson and Megan Burns for the defendant. And I
24 wasn't sure, given that this news came fairly recently, as in
25 the last hour. If not, the court had reviewed our opposition

1 to that, to her motion. So, what I thought I would do with
2 the court's indulgence.

3 **THE COURT:** And I did have an opportunity to read
4 your memorandum. Well, your memorandum in opposition to her
5 motion. I just didn't know if there was anything you wanted
6 to put on the record.

7 MR. LAWSON: Well, I think we should, you know,
8 first of all, we're here. This has been going on now since it
9 was referred to arbitration or ordered to arbitration by you
10 some time ago. The -- Judge, we have been dealing with this
11 now, and it's been -- I understand pro se's have a right to
12 defend themselves. No question. I mean, to prosecute for
13 their name. But we've had to put up with some, you know,
14 LinkedIn posts that we're not making a part of the record. I
15 just want to give you the background. She has been. Pretty,
16 pretty rough on my law firm, me, pretty rough on Jams, pretty
17 rough on the defendant. Accusing us of a lot of things on
18 LinkedIn and other social media platforms, and that's okay.
19 But when she called, and you will get to that just a minute,
20 well called and said that she wished that my associate Megan
21 Burns and myself were dead. And that she hoped that Megan
22 Burns husband beat her every night. For the record Megan's
23 not married. Enough was enough. And in this day and time, we
24 felt like we had to respond to that. But let me get back to
25 the -- her motion to reopen. First of all, I think it's moot.

1 I'll give you a brief timeline. She filed her original Summons
2 and Complaint on December 20th of 24. We filed a motion to
3 compel arbitration on January 17. That was heard by you on
4 June 30th of last year, and you granted that motion. She filed
5 her motion for -- excuse me, she filed her demand for
6 arbitration with Jams. There was some back and forth about
7 who to arbitrate and I said, well, pick anybody you want, but
8 Jams, it's in the contract to she goes with Jams. We filed our
9 response to that demand for arbitration on August 15. Then, on
10 August 29th Jams determined that the Jams consumer minimum
11 standards did not apply because of dispute involved real
12 property of a time share interest and assessed the standard
13 \$2000 dollar filing fee. And asked her to pay the remaining
14 balance. She paid them \$250 dollars. We filed a response to
15 claimants that she challenged that, and we filed a response to
16 that and thought it was right. I mean, it is timeshare is
17 considered a real estate transaction there's warranty deeds,
18 there's filings with the RMC slash Clerk of Court. The Jams
19 went through extraordinary measures with her, to the plaintiff
20 to try to send things say, no, this is what it is. You can --
21 if you want to contest it. Pay the money, get it going. The
22 arbitrator can decide that. The arbitrator can decide a lot
23 of things, but she opted not to do that. Jams formally closed
24 the file for nonpayment after giving her a 30-day notice that
25 they did that on October 21st or 22 -- 2025. That was after

1 she filed what she called claimants filing assuming the case.
2 Jams employee misconduct and demanded for Four million, four
3 hundred thousand dollars in damages against individual Jams
4 employees. Then, in November of last year, 19, 2025, she
5 followed her motion to reopen the case and notice of a failed
6 arbitration. Along with the proposed order and final relief
7 and in that order, she asked for millions of dollars against
8 everyone and for the Horry County Police Department to refer
9 all of this to the FBI. We filed our memorandum in opposition
10 on March the 9th. On March the 10th that's when that
11 unsolicited phone call came in. I've already mentioned that.
12 And that's where we stand your honor. The difficulty we have
13 number 1, is that the thing is moot. She did not file any
14 sort of motion reconsider under Rule 59 or any other rule.
15 She did nothing but go ahead and submit her application to
16 Jams. She got into dispute with Jams about paying a fee.
17 Nowhere in any of her filings did she alleged that she was
18 indigent. She just said, I don't have to pay that because
19 it's consumer versus -- it's a consumer claim and not that it
20 should be the \$250. Jams disagreed. Jams gave her option to
21 pay the money. Let the arbitrator make that decision and sort
22 it out on the back end, but she didn't want to do that. It
23 went up 3 or 4 levels with Jams before they dismissed it and
24 the date that I mentioned. So, the arbitration didn't fail.
25 It was closed because she wouldn't pay the fee. And then
their Jams

1 classification of this is a real estate dispute is correct.
2 They conjet as I said, conducted a multi-level review. They
3 gave her an express remedy that she chose not to use. That is
4 to have the arbitrator review that. Her obstruction was
5 affirmative, not passive. She knows that -- I'll stop. I
6 think I've covered that enough. The -- the other issue Your
7 Honor is the -- the co-plaintiff Glorioso. When we first
8 started with this Glorioso did not appear at the motion -- at
9 the hearing to compel arbitration. But we didn't raise it, but
10 she -- the plaintiff did have a power of attorney that expired
11 back in December of 25, I think maybe. Yeah. Yeah. But then
12 there's this issue of -- she can't represent Glorioso. And
13 she's indicating she doesn't represent Glorioso, but Glorioso
14 has never appeared for anything.

15 **THE COURT: So, and she's got these requests now for**
16 **you not -- and I don't know if that was sent just to me. There**
17 **were some emails that quite frankly, that I believe would**
18 **probably be ex-parte communications. But there was emails**
19 **about communications and asking me to somehow prevent you from**
20 **contacting the other plaintiff.**

21 **MR. LAWSON:** Yeah. She -- she, I -- we did get
22 those this morning Your honor about she has raised this issue
23 recently about safety. I don't know if there's issues between
24 her and Mr. Glorioso there may be. I'm not commenting on
25 that. But their pro se's, and I think I have the right to

1 contact. Mr. Glorioso, to say, hey, are you pursuing this? I
2 think Holiday Inn -- Holiday Inn has continued to send him
3 things. They quit sending her anything because we worked that
4 out. That's the safety thing I never was aware of until
5 recently. I did not -- you know, and I -- I -- for her, I hate
6 it there's some safety issue with Mr. Glorioso. But that's
7 not to me, not germane to the issues we're discussing here.
8 So, your honor, you know, given everything we prepared
9 diligently for this. It was an in person hearing and we -- I
10 think I'm thankful I looked at my email, but we got an email
11 at 1:24. That said she had talked to the Clerk's Office or
12 someone Jennifer in the Clerk's Office and said, you can -- it
13 basically read as though decided on briefs. And I think that's
14 just again, indicative of what we've been dealing with for the
15 past now year and 4 months, year, and 3 months. So, we believe
16 that the appropriate remedy is to dismiss it. She didn't
17 follow through with the arbitration. We believe it should be
18 dismissed. There's some -- we cite some precedent in our -- in
19 our memorandum to Your Honor. I will be the first to say that
20 South Carolina case was unpublished and I understand that
21 that's for best guidance, but that there was one with similar
22 facts and circumstances with Triple A, that was dismissed and
23 -- but there was a case out of Florida that was on point we
24 believe where people -- the person failed to go forward with
25 the arbitration and it was dismissed and Florida courts

1 dismissed the claim.

2 **THE COURT:** Speaking of Florida and her I think most
3 recent emails that she has sent and memorandum it actually
4 discusses and she says, that South Carolina doesn't have
5 jurisdiction over this. Like, she says that and that it's --
6 should be argued in Florida.

7 MR. LAWSON: But Your Honor, she brought the
8 lawsuit. I mean, and the property and the timeshare sale was
9 here.

10 **THE COURT:** I think she must be referring to a
11 contract that may say that Florida law was the applicable law
12 for this. But with that being said, Mr. Lawson, I'm going to
13 grant your motion and your request to dismiss the action.

14 MR. LAWSON: May we dismiss it with prejudice, Your
15 Honor?

16 **THE COURT:** Yes, sir.

17 MR. LAWSON: All right. Thank you very much.

18 **THE COURT:** Do we need to address the sanctions
19 motion as well?

20 MR. LAWSON: I think given -- just for -- yeah, Your
21 Honor something. Because I -- with a threat again, she did
22 not threat to bring bodily harm to anyone directly. She just
23 said, we wish we were dead.

24 **THE COURT:** Lawyers take an oath of stability.

25 MR. LAWSON: Right.

1 THE COURT: There should be some type of courtroom
2 decorum. And if you're representing yourself in pro se
3 fashion, you're held in that same standard. And the -- the
4 threatening of another attorney, they're wishing that that's
5 not something that will be said (inaudible) in this court.
6 Ms. Burns happy to hear from you, as far as that, if you want
7 to make a motion (inaudible).

8 MR. LAWSON: You want to talk about that.

9 MS. BURNS: Yes. At this time, I believe we will
10 move forward with the order of protection. Just the nature of
11 the call that we received very hostile that the threat of what
12 wasn't bodily harm, but just ill wishes on us. I think it
13 would be best to pursue a protective order.

14 THE COURT: Well, and with that being said, there is
15 a notice requirement I believe on an order of protection. So
16 I think we would have to go that route. Why don't we do this?
17 I'll hold off on making any decision on that. Well, if you
18 don't mind, take a look at the statute for orders of
19 protection and see what the notice requirement is. If it's
20 something you'll still wish for the court to consider. I'll
21 be happy to. Okay?

22 MS. BURNS: Perfect. Thank you, Your Honor.

23 MR. LAWSON: Thank you, Your Honor.

24 THE COURT: Mr. Lawson, if you'll prepare an Order
25 for Dismissal.

1 MR. LAWSON: Yes, we will Your Honor.

2 **THE COURT: Thank you.**

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