

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF HORRY

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

(CIRCUIT COURT)

Sakenha S. Polk,
Plaintiff/Appellant,

v.

Kellie Marie Murphy-Thaxton
d/b/a Kellie Marie Photography,
Defendant/Respondent.

Civil Action No.: 2026CP2602102

Magistrate Case No.: 2025CV261080276

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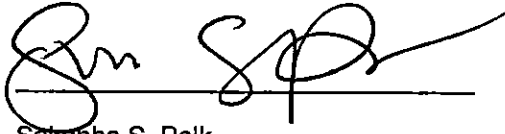
TO: THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT AND THE CLERK OF COURT:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Plaintiff/Appellant, Sakenha S. Polk, proceeding pro se, hereby appeals to the South Carolina Court of Appeals from the Order of the Horry County Court of Common Pleas (the Honorable B. Alex Hyman, Circuit Court Judge), entered June 17, 2026, denying Appellant's appeal from the judgment of the Magistrate Court, and from any subsequent order(s) affecting that judgment, including any ruling on Appellant's Rule 59(e), SCRCP, Motion to Alter or Amend Judgment.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that:

1. Appellant first learned of the June 17, 2026 Order through the Horry County online public docket on or about June 17–19, 2026. Appellant did not receive the Court's written notice of entry of the June 17, 2026 Order by mail until August 25, 2026.
2. On June 19, 2026 — before receiving written notice of the Order — Appellant timely served and delivered to the Clerk of Court a Rule 59(e) Motion to Alter or Amend Judgment and a Motion to Stay Enforcement, confirmed delivered to the Clerk's Office on June 22, 2026. Appellant has been advised these motions were not docketed due to a missing filing fee, an issue Appellant is in the process of curing.
3. This Notice of Appeal is filed protectively, out of an abundance of caution and without waiver of Appellant's position that: (a) the time to appeal did not begin to run until August 25, 2026, the date Appellant received written notice of the June 17, 2026 Order, and/or (b) the time to appeal is or was tolled by Appellant's timely-delivered Rule 59(e) Motion, pending a ruling on that Motion.
4. Appellant respectfully requests that, in the event this Notice is deemed premature, duplicative, or not strictly required given the pending Rule 59(e) Motion, it nonetheless be retained and treated as effective to preserve Appellant's appellate rights once the Rule 59(e) Motion is resolved.

Respectfully submitted,



Sakenha S. Polk

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Date: September 15, 2026

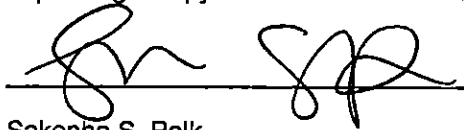
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I served a copy of this Notice of Appeal upon Defendant/Respondent Kellie Marie Murphy Thaxton d/b/a Kellie Marie Photography (1) by email to shepushesfrw25@gmail.com, pursuant to her Notice of Change of Address filed with this Court on April 13, 2026 requesting electronic service, and (2) by depositing a copy in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, addressed to 3237 Edison Circle, Unit 5104, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577, and upon the Clerk of Court, Horry County Court of Common Pleas, by depositing a copy in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, on this 15th day of September, 2026.



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Re: Sakenha S. Polk, Appellant, v. Kellie Marie Murphy-Thaxton d/b/a Kellie Marie Photography, Respondent

Circuit Court Case No.: 2026CP2602102 (Horry County Court of Common Pleas)
Appellate Case No.: [To Be Assigned]

Dear Clerk of Court:

I am the Plaintiff/Appellant in the above-referenced matter, proceeding pro se. Pursuant to the Court's Order Regarding Methods of Electronic Filing and Service Under Rule 262, SCACR (dated April 24, 2024), I am submitting the following documents by e-mail to ctappfilings@sccourts.org in connection with my appeal from the Horry County Court of Common Pleas' Order of June 17, 2026:

1. Notice of Appeal, filed with the Horry County Clerk of Court on September 17, 2026;
2. Proof of Service of the Notice of Appeal upon Respondent Kellie Marie Murphy-Thaxton d/b/a Kellie Marie Photography; and
3. A copy of the Order of June 17, 2026, which is the subject of this appeal.

Please be advised that the required filing fee of \$250.00 is being mailed separately and should arrive at your office within five (5) days of this e-mail filing, by check or money order, referencing this case name and the Appellate Case Number once assigned. I ask that your office please be on the lookout for that payment and apply it to this case upon receipt.

If any additional documentation or information is needed to complete this filing, please do not hesitate to contact me at the phone number or email address above. Thank you for your time and assistance.

Respectfully,

Sakenha S. Polk
Plaintiff/Appellant, Pro Se