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

**APPEAL FROM RICHLAND COUNTY
Court of Common Pleas
The Honorable Daniel Coble, Circuit Court Judge**

Case No.: 2026-CP-40-02896

Joseph Rich Respondent,

v.

**First-Citizens Bank & Trust Company;
First Citizens Investors Services, Inc.
First Citizens Asset Management, Inc.; and
Robert P. Strickland Appellants.**

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Appellants First-Citizens Bank & Trust Company, First Citizens Investor Services, Inc., First Citizens Asset Management, Inc., and Robert P. Strickland (collectively “Appellants”) appeal from the order of the Richland County Court of Common Pleas denying their Motion to Compel Arbitration and Stay Proceedings, or in the Alternative Motion to Dismiss, and Motion for Protective Order, which was entered by the Honorable Daniel Coble. The trial court issued a short-form order on September 4, 2026, and a final written order on September 15, 2026. Copies of both orders are attached and provided to the Court of Appeals with this Notice. Written notice of entry of the final order was received by the Appellants on September 15, 2026.

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Respectfully submitted this 28th day of September 2026.

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