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**APPEAL FROM RICHLAND COUNTY
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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.**

PROOF OF FILING

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of the Notice of Appeal in this matter, together with the trial court orders being appealed – September 4, 2026 Short Form Order Denying Motion to Compel Arbitration, or in the alternative Motion to Dismiss, and Motion for Protective Order, and September 15, 2026 Order Denying Defendants’ Motion to Compel Arbitration and Stay Proceedings, or in the Alternative Motion to Dismiss, and Motion for Protective Order—was electronically filed on September 28, 2026, with the Richland County Court of Common Pleas, pursuant to Rule 203(d)(1), SCACR.

Respectfully submitted this 29th day of September 2026.

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