

The South Carolina Court of Appeals

Richard Bowman, Appellant,

v.

Cosima Maclean, Respondent.

Appellate Case No. 2026-001128

ORDER

On September 16, 2026, Respondent filed a motion to dismiss this appeal because Appellant failed to order the transcript of the entire lower court proceedings. Subsequently, Appellant filed a return, in which he explained he was unaware the transcript from the entire lower court proceedings had not been ordered. He noted his former counsel ordered a transcript from a single day of a two-day hearing, this court relieved his former counsel shortly thereafter, and Appellant only learned of the error upon receipt of Respondent's motion to dismiss. Appellant stated he had not received the transcript his former counsel ordered and expressed his willingness to order and pay for the transcripts. On September 21, 2026, Respondent filed a reply, reiterating her request to dismiss the appeal.¹ After careful consideration, we deny Respondent's motion to dismiss.

Within ten days of the date of this order, Appellant shall provide this court with (1) proof of ordering the transcript from the hearing on February 4, 2026, and (2) proof of having made satisfactory arrangements, including agreement regarding payment, for the February 4, 2026 and April 1, 2026 transcripts. *See* Rule 207(a)(1), SCACR ("Where a transcript of the proceeding must be prepared by the court reporter, appellant shall within the time provided for ordering the transcript,

¹ On September 28, 2026, Appellant filed a "supplement response to Respondent's reply regarding transcript deficiency." This court has not considered this filing because it is not allowed under the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules and Appellant failed to seek permission to file the document. *See* Rule 240, SCACR (permitting the filing of a motion, return, and reply).

make satisfactory arrangements (including agreement regarding payment for the transcript), in writing with the court reporter for furnishing the transcript."); *id.* ("Appellant shall contemporaneously furnish all parties, the Office of Court Administration, and the clerk of the appellate court with copies of all correspondence with the court reporter."); *id.* ("Unless the parties otherwise agree in writing, appellant must order a transcript of the entire proceedings below."); Rule 207(a)(5), SCACR ("If appellant has not received the transcript within the allotted time nor received notification of an extension within ten (10) days after the allotted time, appellant shall notify the Office of Court Administration, the clerk of the appellate court, and the court reporter in writing.").



FOR THE COURT J.

Columbia, South Carolina

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