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SC Court of Appeals

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE PROBATE COURT

COUNTY OF HORRY

CASE NO.: 2013ES2601185

IN THE MATTER OF:

The Estate of Norma Jean Staton,

John C. Thomas, as Successor Personal
Representative of the Estate of Norma Jean
Staton,

Petitioner,

vs.

Victoria Ishee, Gwyn Staton, and Scott Staton,
Respondents.

ORDER ON SCOTT STATON'S
MOTION TO CLARIFY, ALTER, OR
AMEND THE ORDER ON SUCCESSOR
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE'S
PETITION FOR DECLARATORY
JUDGEMENT

PROBATE COURT
HORRY COUNTY, S.C.
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J. L. DEVERLY JR.
PROBATE JUDGE

THIS MATTER originally came before me pursuant to a Petition for Declaratory Judgement filed October 28, 2015, by Gwen Staton and Victoria Ishee as Co-Successor Personal Representatives of the Estate of Norma Jean Staton. John C. Thomas, Esq., as Successor Personal Representative, was substituted a Petitioner by Order of the Court on February 11, 2021. A hearing on the Petition was held March 1, December 13 and December 16, 2024. By Final Order dated and filed August 12, 2025, the Court issued its ruling on the Petition for Declaratory Judgement. On August 22, 2025, Scott Staton through counsel filed a Motion for Reconsideration of the Order for Declaratory Relief Date Aug 12, 2025, in which he asserts the Court erred in the following particulars:

1. The Court's ruling that "no final agreement exists between the parties";
2. The Court's finding that CCNB Account #2577 was a CD and not a bank account;
3. Considering/relying on bank statements which had been filed with the Court of the course of the eleven years of litigation in this matter;
4. The Court's ruling that Scott Staton reimburse \$60,428.00 to Respondents Gwyn Staton and Victoria Ishee;
5. The Court's consideration/reliance on bank statements which had been filed with the Court of the course of the eleven years of litigation in this matter deprived Scott Staton the opportunity to present evidence of the fact that certain accounts contained funds that did not belong to the estate;
6. The Court's failure to take into consideration that funds contained in the Bank of America safe deposit box contained some non-estate property;

7. The Court's failure to protect Scott Staton in the event items found to be probate assets and ordered to be returned are not returned in kind, but proceeds of the sale of the item are returned instead;

8. The Court failure to take into consideration that the children of Respondent Ishee, under her supervision, removed estate property from Myrtle Beach.

A hearing was held on the Motion for Reconsideration on November 17, 2025.

Based upon a review of the pleadings, the evidence and testimony presented at the original hearing in this matter and the arguments of counsel at the hearing on November 17, 2025, I find no errors in the Court's findings of fact and no errors of law in the Court's conclusions.

Therefore, I conclude that Petitioner's motion should be and is hereby DENIED.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

September 14, 2026
Conway, South Carolina



Honorable Charles R. Rhodes Jr.
Chief Associate Judge
Horry County Probate Court