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Re: Morris Beach Hutson v. Penn America Ins.
Appellate Case No. 2026-001587
Morris Hutson v. Penn America Ins. Co.
Appellate Case No. 2026-001601

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

I am writing regarding the above-referenced appeals. First, there appear to be two appellate cases pending that were both taken from the same trial court order.

Second, Murphy & Grantland, P.A. and myself (hereinafter collectively "M&G") are third-party defendants in the trial court action, but we were not identified as respondents in this appeal. We are not showing as parties to the appeal and are not receiving correspondence from the Court. M&G was not the moving party for the order on appeal. However, M&G has an interest in the outcome because the judgment Appellant seeks to re-open protects them. M&G is therefore a necessary party to this appeal. See S.C. Jur. § 31 ("All parties to the action in the lower court whose interest may be adversely affected by the decision of the appellate court are necessary parties to the appeal.") (citing Spanish Wells Prop. Owners Ass'n v. Bd. Of Adjustment, 295 S.C. 67, 367 S.E.2d 160 (1988)).

I am therefore entering an appearance on behalf of myself and my firm, Murphy & Grantland, P.A. in both of the above-referenced appeals.

Respectfully submitted,

s/Timothy J. Newton

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