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APPEAL FROM CHARLESTON COUNTY
Court Of Common Pleas

Mikell R. Scarborough, Master in Equity

Case No. 2025CP1006053
Appellate Case No. 2026-002345

John J. Britton, MD, David E. Dukes, George William Owen, Claudius E. Watts, IV, Whitney Powers, Halsey M. Cook, Jr., Katherine Ann Close, Benjamin T. Zeigler, James C. Crawford, III, Carlos Evans, and Richard LeNoble Wilson, all in their capacity as Trustees of The Belle W. Baruch Foundation Trust,..... Respondents-Appellants.

v.

The State of South Carolina;.....Appellant-Respondent.

NOTICE OF CROSS-APPEAL

John J. Britton, MD, David E. Dukes, George William Owen, Claudius E. Watts, IV, Whitney Powers, Halsey M. Cook, Jr., Katherine Ann Close, Benjamin T. Zeigler, James C. Crawford, III, Carlos Evans, and Richard LeNoble Wilson, all in their capacity as Trustees of The Belle W. Baruch Foundation Trust (collectively, the “Respondents-Appellants”), appeal the attached Order of the Honorable Mikell R. Scarborough, Master in Equity for Charleston County, dated August 19, 2026. Appellant-Respondent timely filed a Motion to Alter or Amend the Order that was ruled upon by the lower court in a separate Order dated October 7, 2026. The Respondents-Appellants received written notice of those Orders on those respective dates. The Appellant-Respondent filed and served its Notice of Appeal on October 20, 2026.

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Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Attached for filing with the Court please find Notice of Cross Appeal by Respondents/Appellants, Proof of Service, and notice of electronic filing with the lower court, The filing fee of \$250.00 will be mailed under separate cover.

Thank you very much for your courtesies in this matter.

Sincerely,

WALKER GRESSETTE & LINTON, LLC

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "G. Trenholm Walker".

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Attachments/Enclosures (As Stated)

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