# The Supreme Court of South Carolina

Debra McAndrew Barnett, Plaintiff-Respondent,

v.

Johnson & Johnson; Kenvue, Inc., et al., Defendants,

Of which Johnson & Johnson and Kenvue, Inc. are the Appellants.

And

Andrew T. Gerken, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Anna Marie L. Gerken, Deceased, Plaintiff-Respondent,

v.

Johnson & Johnson; Kenvue, Inc., et al., Defendants,

Of which Johnson & Johnson and Kenvue, Inc. are the Appellants.

Appellate Case No. 2026-002207

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ORDER

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Appellants seek a common law writ of certiorari to review the circuit court's October 2, 2026 order (1) granting in part and denying in part Appellants' motion to quash; (2) granting in part and denying in part Appellants' motion for a protective order as to certain expert billing records; (3) denying Appellants' motion for a protective order relating to topics previously covered by depositions in the *Gerken* case; and (4) granting in part Plaintiffs-Respondents' motion to compel. The petition is denied because the underlying discovery order is interlocutory and not immediately appealable and Appellants have failed to demonstrate exceptional

circumstances exist that would justify granting the petition for a common law writ of certiorari to review such an order.

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Columbia, South Carolina
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