

The Supreme Court of South Carolina

Columbia Venture, LLC, Appellant,

v.

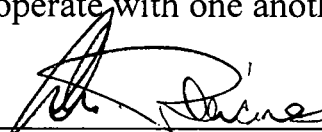
Richland County, Respondent.

Appellate Case No. 2013-001067

ORDER

Appellant has informed the Court that the record on appeal in this matter is approximately 11,795 pages in length, which will amount to approximately 25 volumes per set. Appellant requests the Court consider allowing some or all of the copies of the record on appeal to be filed or otherwise made available in electronic format, either on optical disks or through an internet link.

The request is denied. This Court is an appellate court, not a trial court. In this appellate role, we sit to review lower court proceedings for error, not to re-try cases. It is the duty of appellate attorneys to pare the lower court record in a manner that will aid and assist the appellate court in rendering an educated decision on the issues before it. It is also imperative that the record be culled in such a way to allow this Court to make a decision in an efficient and timely manner without having to wade through volumes of unnecessary materials. We direct counsel for the parties, as officers of this Court, to scour the record they propose to present to this Court with a practical eye and consider which materials therein are critical to a decision by this Court in its capacity as an appellate court. Only those materials shall be submitted to this Court in the record on appeal. Counsel should also avoid including duplicates of any document in the record. We expect counsel for the parties to fully cooperate with one another in this endeavor.



FOR THE COURT

J.

Columbia, South Carolina

February 20, 2014

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