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In the Supreme Court

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S. Jackson Kimball, Special Circuit Court Judge

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Shannon Ranucci, Petitioner

v.

Corey K. Crain, M.D., Respondent.

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Case No. 2012-CP-10-0558

Vicki L. Wilkinson..... Appellant,

v.

East Cooper Community Hospital, Inc., d/b/a
East Cooper Regional Medical Center;
Carolina Aesthetic Plastic Surgery Institute, PA; and
Thomas X. Hahm, M.D..... Respondents.

**SOUTH CAROLINA HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION'S
PETITION FOR LEAVE TO FILE AMICUS BRIEF**

Pursuant to Rule 213, SCACR, the South Carolina Hospital Association (“the SCHA”) petitions this Court for leave to file the accompanying *amicus curiae* brief in support of the above-captioned Respondents.

Statement of Interest of *Amicus Curiae*

The SCHA is a private, not-for-profit organization made up of some one-hundred (100) member hospitals and health systems and approximately nine-hundred (900) individual members who are associated with its member institutions. The SCHA was created in 1921 to serve as the collective voice of the state’s hospital community. The SCHA is proud to be part of the state’s hospital industry, with the stated goal of adding value to hospitals’ efforts to care for the people of South Carolina. The SCHA’s mission is to support its members in creating a world-class health care delivery system for the people of South Carolina by fostering high quality patient care and service as effective advocates for the hospital community.¹

Reasons Why an *Amicus Curiae* Brief is Desirable

An *amicus curiae* brief from the SCHA in these matters is desirable because the issues presented to the Court directly affect the legal environment in which each of SCHA’s member’s operate and, thus, impact their ability to provide world-class health care to the citizens of the South Carolina. This Court has never addressed the issues raised in these matters. The holding in these matters will apply to all future medical malpractice cases in South Carolina, many of which will be filed against the SCHA’s members.

¹ The substance of this statement is derived from the South Carolina Hospital Association’s website, which is found at www.scha.org/about. (last viewed May 15, 2014).

Based on the foregoing, the SCHA respectfully moves for leave to file the accompanying *amicus curiae* brief.

Respectfully submitted,

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PROOF OF SERVICE**

I certify that I served the **South Carolina Hospital Association's Petition for Leave to File Amicus Brief** and **South Carolina Hospital Association's Amicus Brief** by depositing copies of the same in the United States Mail, postage prepaid and by electronic mail, on the 15th day of May, 2014 addressed to their attorneys of record as follows:

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