

The South Carolina Court of Appeals

The Protestant Episcopal Church In The Diocese Of
South Carolina; The Trustees of the Protestant Episcopal
Church in South Carolina, a South Carolina Corporate
Body; et al., Respondents,

v.

The Episcopal Church (a/k/a, The Protestant Episcopal
Church in the United States of America); The Episcopal
Church in South Carolina,

of whom The Episcopal Church in South Carolina is the
Appellant.

Appellate Case No. 2014-001377

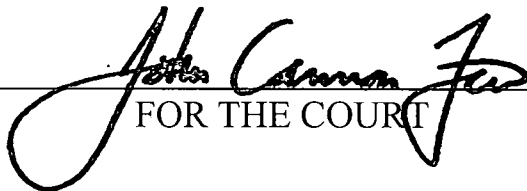
ORDER

Appellant has filed a notice of appeal from a May 20, 2014 order denying Appellant's motion to join additional parties and a June 6, 2014 order denying reconsideration of the May 20, 2014 order. Appellant has now filed a petition for supersedeas, seeking to "suspend enforcement" of a July 3, 2014 oral ruling that the trial would commence on July 7, 2014. Appellant subsequently filed a letter, clarifying that the trial is set to start on July 8, 2014.

Because the underlying orders on appeal are not immediately appealable, this appeal is dismissed. *See Tatnall v. Gardner*, 350 S.C. 135, 137, 563 S.E.2d 377, 379 (Ct. App. 2002) ("Absent some 'specialized statute,' this Court is not permitted to hear a case on appeal not comporting with the requirements of [Section 14-3-330 of the South Carolina Code (Supp. 2013)]."); *see generally id.* at 138-39, 563 S.E.2d at 379 (holding an appeal from an order denying a motion to amend an answer in order to assert third-party claims is not immediately appealable). Because this appeal is dismissed, the petition for supersedeas is denied. *State v.*

Hill, 314 S.C. 330, 444 S.E.2d 255 (1994) (stating a writ of supersedeas is only available where there is an appealable order).

This circuit court may, within its discretion, immediately proceed with the trial.


FOR THE COURT

Columbia, South Carolina

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