

# The Supreme Court of South Carolina

George Skipper, Veronica Skipper, Michael Perry  
Bowers, Specialty Logging, LLC, and Harold Moors,  
Plaintiffs,

v.

ACE Property and Casualty Insurance Company,  
Brantley C. Rowlen, and Erin Lawson Coia, Defendants.

Appellate Case No. 2014-001979

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## ORDER

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Pursuant to Rule 244 of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules (SCACR), the Court will answer the following question certified to this Court by order of the Honorable J. Michelle Childs, United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina:

Can a legal malpractice claim be assigned between  
adversaries in litigation in which the alleged legal  
malpractice arose?

The parties shall proceed to serve and file briefs as provided by Rule 244(e), SCACR. Rule 244 does not provide for the filing of initial briefs; therefore, only final briefs should be filed in this matter.

  
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FOR THE COURT C.J.

Columbia, South Carolina

October 23, 2014

cc:

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