

# The Supreme Court of South Carolina

Applicant for Intervention Russell L. Bauknight, as  
Personal Representative of the Estate of James Brown  
and Trustee of the James Brown 2000 Irrevocable Trust,  
Appellant.

In re: Susan D. Summer, Plaintiff,

of whom Susan D. Summer, is Respondent,

v.

Alan Wilson, in his capacity as Attorney General of  
South Carolina, Defendant.

and

Susan D. Summer, Respondent,

v.

Alan Wilson, in his capacity as Attorney General of  
South Carolina, Appellant,

and Applicant for Intervention Russell L. Bauknight, as  
Personal Representative of the Estate of James Brown  
and Trustee of the James Brown 2000 Irrevocable Trust,  
Appellant.

Appellate Case No. 2014-002222

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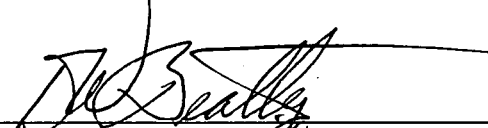
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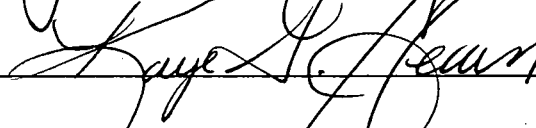
Russell L. Bauknight moves to dismiss his appeal on the ground that this FOIA case is moot. Respondent opposes the motion. Respondent asks the Court to

remand this matter to the circuit court for a ruling on her motion to produce additional documents.

Because the Attorney General has provided respondent with the documents ordered by the circuit court to be produced, the case is moot. *Linda Mc Co. v. Shore*, 390 S.C. 543, 703 S.E.2d 499 (2010) (a case becomes moot when a judgment, if rendered, will have no practical legal effect on the existing controversy); *Sloan v. Friends of Hunley, Inc.*, 369 S.C. 20, 630 S.E.2d 474 (2006) (in a FOIA case, once the requested documents are produced, a justiciable controversy no longer exists). Accordingly, we dismiss the appeals in this case and remand the matter to the circuit court to conclude the case.

  
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Toal, C.J., and Pleicones, J., not participating

Columbia, South Carolina

**April 8, 2015**

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