

The Supreme Court of South Carolina

Alan Wilson, in his capacity as Attorney General of the State of South Carolina, Daryl J. Brown, on behalf of his minor children, Lindsey B. and Janise B., Deanna J. Brown Thomas, on behalf of her minor child, Jason L., Yamma N. Brown, on behalf of her minor children, Sydney L. Carrington L., and Tonya B., Vanisha Brown, Larry Brown, Tommie Rae Hynie Brown, James B., through his Guardian ad Litem, Respondents,

v.

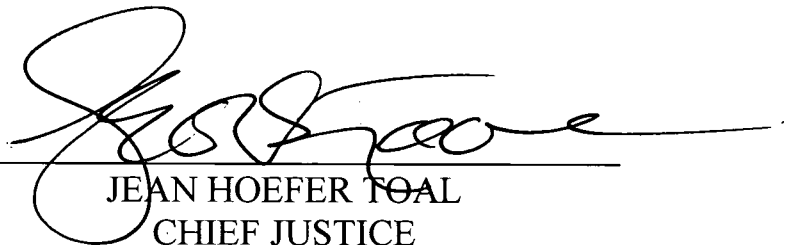
Albert H. Dallas, Alfred A. Bradley, and David G. Cannon, Individually and as (purported) Trustees of the James Brown 2000 Irrevocable Trust, Adele J. Pope and Robert L. Buchanan, Jr., Personal Representatives of The Estate of James Brown and Trustees of the James Brown 2000 Irrevocable Trust, Terry Brown, Romunzo Brown, Forlando Brown, Cinnamon N. M. Paris, LaRhonda Petitt, Jeanette Mitchell and Russell L. Bauknight, as Special Administrator and Special Trustee for The Estate of James Brown and The James Brown 2000 Irrevocable Trust, Defendants, of whom Robert L. Buchanan, Jr. and Adele J. Pope, as Personal Representatives of The Estate of James Brown and Trustees of The James Brown 2000 Irrevocable Trust are, Appellants, and Albert H. Dallas, Alfred A. Bradley, and David G. Cannon, Individually and as (purported) Trustees of The James Brown 2000 Irrevocable Trust, Terry Brown, Romunzo Brown, Forlando Brown, Cinnamon N. M. Paris, LaRhonda Petitt, Jeanette Mitchell and Russell L. Bauknight, as Special Administrator and Special Trustee for The Estate of James Brown and The James Brown 2000 Irrevocable Trust are, Respondents. In re: The Estate of James Brown and The James Brown 2000 Irrevocable Trust u/a/d August 1, 2000.

Appellate Case No. 2009-142286

ORDER

In *Wilson v. Dallas*, 403 S.C. 411, 743 S.E.2d 746 (2013), this Court affirmed the order issued by The Honorable Doyet A. Early, III, removing Adele J. Pope and Robert L. Buchanan, Jr., as fiduciaries of the Estate and Trust of James Brown; invalidated the approval of a settlement agreement; and voided the appointment of Russell L. Bauknight as a fiduciary. On remand, Judge Early was ordered to appoint fiduciaries to oversee the Estate and Trust matters in accordance with the provisions of the Estate and Trust documents, with permission to consider whether Bauknight should be re-appointed as a fiduciary. The Court further ordered Judge Early to review the propriety of all fees paid in relation to the action.

Judge Early is hereby requested to provide this Court with a thorough and detailed update on the status of this action, including: the persons and/or entities that have been determined to be heirs, beneficiaries, or other parties in interest of the Estate and Trust; the persons and/or entities whose status as heirs, beneficiaries, or other parties in interest has yet to be determined; what determination, if any, has been made concerning the effect of the prenuptial agreement executed by Tommie Rae Hynie; whether all DNA testing ordered to be conducted has been completed; what determination, if any, has been made as to the standing of the parties in the undue influence challenge to the Will and the Trust; what determination, if any, has been made as to the propriety of all fees paid in the action prior to this Court's decision; and whether any proposed settlement agreement has been submitted for court approval. This update shall be provided to the Court within twenty (20) days of the date of this order.



JEAN HOEFER TOAL
CHIEF JUSTICE

Columbia, South Carolina

April 20, 2015

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The Honorable Doyet A. Early, III