

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT

Pamela Cohen,

Docket No. 15-ALJ-18-0136-AP

Appellant,

vs.

**ORDER OF DISMISSAL**

South Carolina Department of Social Services,

Respondent.

This matter is before me on an appeal filed March 20, 2015 by Pamela Cohen (Appellant), who is appealing the final decision of the South Carolina Department of Social Services (Respondent). Pursuant to Administrative Law Court (ALC) Rule 37(A), Appellant was required to file an appellate brief in the above-captioned matter with this Court and to serve all parties with the same "within thirty (30) days after the filing of the Record on Appeal." ALC Rule 37(A). This Court issued an Order Governing Procedure on April 6, 2015 stating deadlines for the Record and Briefs pursuant to the ALC Rules of Procedure. The Respondent filed its Record on Appeal with this Court on April 16, 2015, and the Appellant had until May 18, 2015 to file her brief. By virtue of her request for an appeal, Appellant had an obligation to advance her position, and Appellant was given ample time to do so. Nonetheless, Appellant failed to file an appellate brief in support of her appeal.

Pursuant to ALC Rule 38, an Administrative Law Judge may dismiss an appeal for failure to comply with the rules of procedure for appeals or for failure to comply with any time limits set forth in an appeal. ALC Rule 38. This delay is well beyond the time period set forth in the Rules of Procedure for the Administrative Law Court. As the Appellant was afforded ample time to file and serve her Brief and has not notified the ALC of any extenuating circumstances regarding failure to timely file the Appellant's Brief, I conclude that this matter should be dismissed *sua sponte*. It is therefore,

**ORDERED** that this appeal is **DISMISSED**.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

**FILED**

July 20, 2015



Deborah Brooks Durden, Judge  
S.C. Administrative Law Court

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July 20, 2015  
Columbia, South Carolina

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Robin E. Coleman, hereby certify that I have this date served this Order upon all parties to this cause by depositing a copy hereof, in the United States mail, postage paid, in the Interagency Mail Service, or by electronic mail to the address provided by the party(ies) and/or their attorney(s).



Robin E. Coleman  
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Judicial Aide to Deborah Brooks Durden

July 20, 2015  
Columbia, South Carolina

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