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Court of Common Pleas

DeAndrea G. Benjamin, Fifth Judicial Circuit Court Judge

Case No. 2014-CP-2507

RECORD ON APPEAL

Amended Case No. 2015-000061

Brenda G. Harmon, Appellant,

v.

Joel E. Johnson, D.M.D., Respondent.

Brenda G. Harmon
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Guarco, Carolina Entertainment Complex, LLC, and 4 Prophets,
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Of whom David P. Gannon and Michael Guarco are the Appellants,

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Appellant Case No. 2012-211806

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From Va.

Alyssa Chalifoux v. Radiology Associates of Richmond, INC

Record No. 100052

SUPREME COURT OF VIRGINIA

281 Va. 690; 708 S. E.2d 834; 2011 Va. LEXIS 87

April 21, 2011, Decided

Charters of Freedom / Bill of Rights

Copy of Overpayment to Court Reporter, less pages than she originally thought.
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3 Pictures of my mouth.

Me, the Appellant, My mouth.

Witnesses

Dr. Gregg W. McKenzie, performed five (5), surgeries on me, the Appellant, diagnosing the fact that bones were broken in my mouth. Attempt to repair.
Summon.

Dr. Hamid Bahadori, diagnosed and informed me, the Appellant what the problem is and where it came from. I am to inform him as soon as I get a date for a trial hearing, so that he could make time to appear. Charleston, South Carolina.

Dr. Wm. Trent Gillespie, performed four (4), surgeries on me the Appellant.
Summon, Columbia, South Carolina.

Me, the Appellant, Brenda G. Harmon

Dr. Joel Johnson, hostile witness, he must own-up to what he did.

The Law is for everybody, not just the rich, nor is it just for whites. It is prevalent that blacks are being killed on a daily basis by white police officers. There is no difference than a white doctor killing blacks, and the Courts letting it

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happen. As pretty as Judge Benjamin is, she failed to read my case, as my mother would say, "she just don't know any better".

I have provided South Carolina Court of Appeals, the information that I have and is willing to use more on their (Responders), questions when asked. I'm not an Attorney/Lawyer, Court Reporter, Typist, Student, or whatever else you might think I am trying to be, reality is that I am a human being trying to achieve the rights that I was born with.

Sincerely;

Brenda G. Harmon

June 14, 2015

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In The Court of Appeals

Brenda G. Harmon

V.

Joel E. Johnson, DMD

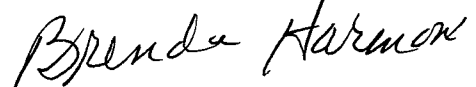
Case No. 2015-000061

Re: Kelli L. Sullivan, Esquire

I, Brenda G. Harmon, duly swears to the Court of Appeals that I have served,
Attorney Kelli L. Sullivan, Proof of Service by via S. C. Sheriff Dept. *On the date*
below.

Sincerely

Brenda G. Harmon

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brenda Harmon".

June 15, 2015



The South Carolina Court of Appeals

Brenda G. Harmon

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

APPEAL FROM RICHLAND COUNTY
COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

DeAndrea G. Benjamin, Fifth Judicial Circuit Court Judge

Case No. 2014-CP-02507

Kelli Sullivan, as Personal

Representative of Joel E Johnson, DMD

Respondent

v.

Brenda G. Harmon

Appellant

PROOF OF SERVICE

I certify that I have served the Notice of Appeal on Joel E. Johnson, DMD, by depositing a copy of it in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, on January 12,

2015, and today January 22, 2015, addressed to his attorney of record, Kelli Sullivan, Post Office Box, 7217, Columbia, South Carolina 29202-7217.

January 22, 2015

s/ Brenda G. Royster

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Appellant / Pro' Se

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Brenda J. Harmon

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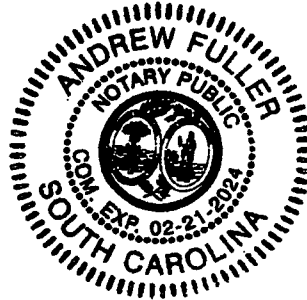
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NOTICE OF APPEAL IN A CIVIL CASE

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In The Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM RICHLAND COUNTY
Court of Common Pleas

DeAndrea G. Benjamin, Fifth Judicial Circuit Court Judge

Case No. 2014-CP-02507

MCKAY, CAUTHEN, SETTANA & STUBLEY, P.A.

REPRESENTATIVES FOR JOEL E. JOHNSON, DMD

VS.

BRENDA G. HARMON,

RESPONDENT

APPELLANT

NOTICE OF APPEAL IN A CIVIL CASE

Brenda G. Harmon appeal the order/judgment of the Honorable DAndrea G. Benjamin dated January 8, 2015. Appellant received notice of entry of this order/judgment on Saturday, January 10, 2015. This judgment was passed on two motions, a). Motion for Default and b). Motion to Dismiss, by Judge Benjamin. Reasons from the respondent states that they were not

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Notified in a timely manner, therefore they did not appear for the hearing that was heard by The Honorable Judge Allison Lee, heard on August 11, 2014, courtroom 3-B. From the hearing, Representatives for the defense failed to appear, The Honorable Judge Allison Lee, was shown the damage to my mouth, and explained how I/plaintiff, am suffering, for which I will continue to suffer from the rest of my life, because the problem is chronic. I was granted the right to have a trial.

As time passed in hopes of having the trial at any day, I requested to the Courts, a motion for Default Judgment, with respondents requesting a motion to the Courts to Dismiss. Both hearings was scheduled to be heard on December 16, 2014, but was changed to January 6, 2015, because of the holidays. On January 6, 2015, both hearings were heard, by The Honorable Judge and I/Appellant, was denied all rights to have a trial, and was advised by the same Judge, that the case is closed. I was not told by the Judge, that I have the right to appeal. I was also told that I failed to produce a signed affidavit, by a licensed Doctor who would continue Absolutely, say that Joel E. Johnson, DMD, is responsible for the damages that are in my mouth. I was last denied because of my right to wait until last ten days before the Statue of limitations expired.

Regardless of time limitations with the statue, I filed within my rights of filing. That is a right, handed down from the courts. So, it doesn't matter whether it was 10 months or ten days. I appeal for this reason. The overview: case #281 Va. 690; 708 S. E.2d834; 2011 Va. LEXIS 87, heard by the Supreme Court of Virginia, (In April 2010). I the Appellant was well within the time limits of filing. As for not having an Affidavit, Having used Medical statement from Prominent Doctors of Medic in the same Judicial System, being granted the right to have a trial, when they affidavit/medical records signed by a Doctor is the same. Case # 2012-213464, Vicki L. Wilkerson, Appellant, v. East Cooper Community Hospital, Inc., d/b/a East cooper Regional Medical Center, Carolina Plastic Surgery Institute, P. A., and Thomas X. Hahm, M. D., Respondents. In The State Of South Carolina, states that appellant did not have an affidavit, and was granted a reversed decision from the lower Court. Heard May 20, 2014.

January 12, 2014

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Pro Se'

Counsel of Record:

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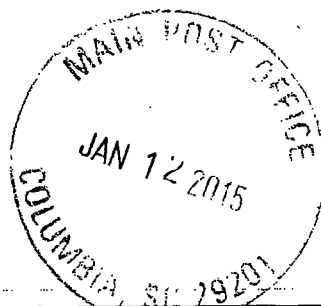
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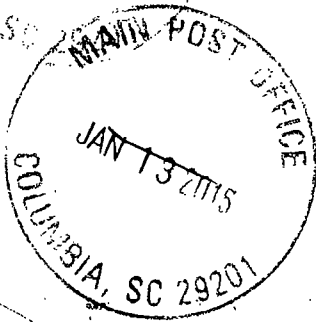
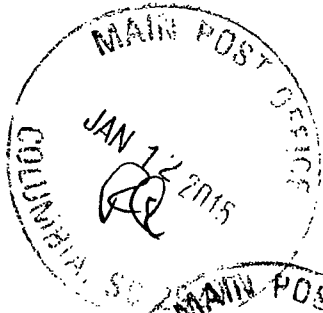
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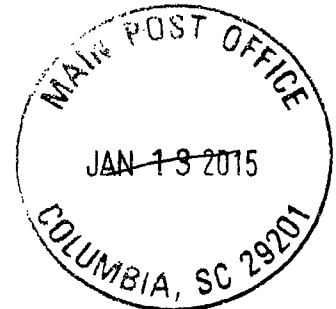
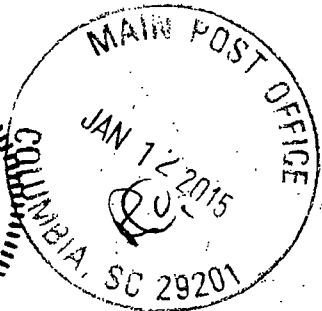
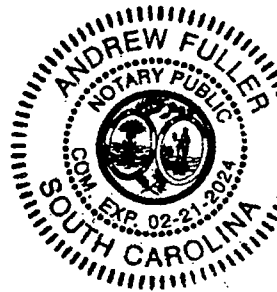
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January 16, 2015

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Re: Brenda Harmon v. Joel Johnson
Appellate Case No. 2015-000061

Dear Ms. Harmon:

Upon reviewing your notice of appeal, the following deficiencies have been noted under the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules (SCACR), and any deficiency must be corrected within ten (10) days of the date of this letter or this appeal will be dismissed:

- The notice of appeal is not accompanied by the order and/or judgment challenged on appeal.
- A proof of service has not been provided. You must serve and file a proof of service substantially in the format shown by Form 7 in Appendix C to part II of the SCACR.
- The notice of appeal does not have a signature.

Very truly yours,

V. Claire Allen, Deputy

CLERK

cc: Kelli Lister Sullivan, Esquire

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
FOR THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

COUNTY OF RICHLAND)

CASE NO: 2014-CP-40-02507

Brenda G. Harmon,)

Plaintiff,)

v.)

Joel E. Johnson, D.M.D.,)

Defendant.)

ORDER DENYING PLAINTIFF'S
MOTION FOR DEFAULT JUDGMENT

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This matter came before me upon Plaintiff's Motion for Default filed on November 10, 2014. A hearing was held before me on January 6, 2015 at 9:30 am during the Common Pleas Non-Jury Term of Court in Richland County at which Plaintiff represented herself pro se, and Dr. Johnson was represented by Kelli Sullivan, Esq.

Plaintiff's Complaint was originally filed on April 17, 2014, and served on the Defendant May 22, 2014. Defendant filed a Motion to Dismiss on May 30, 2014. That Motion to Dismiss was denied with leave to re-file by Judge Alison Lee on August 11, 2014. Defendant then filed an Answer on August 12, 2014, and a second Motion to Dismiss on September 23, 2014.

Plaintiff claims that Defendant never filed a timely Answer in the case; however, there is an Answer in the Court's file, as well as a Certificate of Service noting that the Answer was served on the Plaintiff at her last known address. I find that the Defendant timely answered the Complaint in this case.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Plaintiff's Motion for a Default Judgment is DENIED.



Hon. DeAndrea G. Benjamin
Fifth Judicial Circuit

Columbia, South Carolina
January 6, 2015.

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF RICHLAND
IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

JUDGME IN A CIVIL CASE

CASE NUMBER: 2014CP4002507

Brenda Harmon

JAN 23 2015

Joel Johnson

PLAINTIFF(S)

SC Court of Appeals

DEFENDANT(S)

Submitted by: _____

Attorney for: ☐ Plaintiff ☐ Defendant or ☐ Self-Represented Litigant

DISPOSITION TYPE (CHECK ONE)

- ☐ **JURY VERDICT.** This action came before the court for a trial by jury. The issues have been tried and a verdict rendered.
- ☐ **DECISION BY THE COURT.** This action came to trial or hearing before the court. The issues have been tried or heard and a decision rendered.
- ☐ **ACTION DISMISSED (CHECK REASON):** ☐ Rule 12(b), SCRPC; ☐ Rule 41(a), SCRPC (Vol. Nonsuit);
☐ Rule 43(k), SCRPC (Settled); ☐ Other _____
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- ☐ **DISPOSITION OF APPEAL TO THE CIRCUIT COURT (CHECK APPLICABLE BOX):**
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NOTE: ATTORNEYS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR NOTIFYING LOWER COURT, TRIBUNAL, OR ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY OF THE CIRCUIT COURT RULING IN THIS APPEAL.

IT IS ORDERED AND ADJUDGED: ☒ See attached order (formal order to follow) ☐ Statement of Judgment by the Court:

ORDER INFORMATION

This order ☐ ends ☐ does not end the case.

Additional Information for the Clerk: _____

INFORMATION FOR THE PUBLIC INDEX

Complete this section below when the judgment affects title to real or personal property or if any amount should be enrolled. If there is no judgment information, indicate "N/A" in one of the boxes below.

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Judge Code _____

Date _____

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This judgment was entered on the _____ day of _____, 20 _____ and a copy mailed first class or placed in the appropriate attorney's box on this 7 January 2015 to attorneys of record or to parties (when appearing pro se) as follows:

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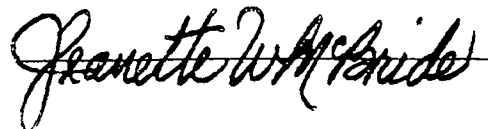
Brenda Harmon

ATTORNEY(S) FOR THE PLAINTIFF(S)

ATTORNEY(S) FOR THE DEFENDANT(S)

Court Reporter _____

Clerk of Court



23. BJR

2015, and today January 29, 2015, addressed to his attorney of record, Kelli Sullivan, Post Office Box, 7217, Columbia, South Carolina 29202-7217.

January 23, 2015 BJR

s/ Brenda G. Royster Harmon

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January 28, 2015

Brenda G. Harmon
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Re: Brenda Harmon v. Joel Johnson
Appellate Case No. 2015-000061

Dear Ms. Harmon:

This Court has received your notice of appeal, and the case has been assigned the appellate case number that appears above. Please use this number on all future correspondence relating to this matter.

All parties to this matter are advised that all filings must comply with the requirements of Rule 267 of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules (SCACR). The SCACR are available online at www.sccourts.org/courtreg. Additionally, any filings submitted by counsel admitted in South Carolina must include counsel's bar number.

The attention of the parties is directed to the order relating to the inclusion of personal data identifiers and other sensitive information in documents filed with the Supreme Court of South Carolina and the South Carolina Court of Appeals. The order can be found at www.sccourts.org/courtOrders/HTMLFiles/2014-04-15-02.htm. Please note that the responsibility for insuring that information is redacted or sealed as required by this order rests with counsel and the parties. This office will *not* review filings for redaction or to determine if materials should be sealed.

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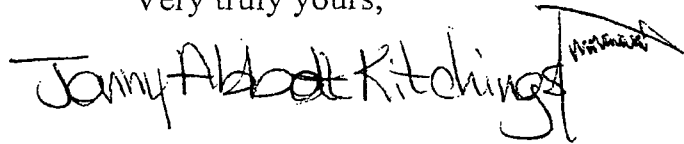
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Joel E. Johnson, D.M.D., Respondent.

All future records in this matter should be changed to reflect this title. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janny Abbot Kitching". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J".

CLERK

cc: Kelli Lister Sullivan, Esquire



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February 02, 2015

Brenda G. Harmon
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Re: Brenda Harmon v. Joel Johnson
Appellate Case No. 2015-000061

Dear Ms. Harmon:

Our records reflect that the time for ordering the transcript has expired. Within ten days of the date of this letter, you must file a copy of the letter showing that you have ordered the transcript directly from the court reporter, along with a motion requesting permission to order the transcript outside of the filing deadlines set by Rule 207 of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules. Be sure to copy the Court, opposing counsel, and the Office of Court Administration with all correspondence concerning the transcript.

Your appeal will be dismissed if no motion is made within ten days of the date of this letter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jenny Abbott Kitchings". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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cc: Kelli Lister Sullivan, Esquire

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RE: Kelli Sullivan, Representative for Joel E. Johnson, DMD,

Respondent Joel E. Johnson, DMD, v. Brenda G. Harmon, Appellant, Case No. 2014-CP-40-2507

Dear Ms. Hilda Jordan,

On January 6, 2015, the above case was heard before the Honorable DeAndrea G. Benjamin, Fifth Judicial Circuit, in Columbia, South Carolina, Richland County. My records indicate that you were the court reporter for this case.

I request that you provide me with a transcript of the proceedings. Please transcribe the entire record.

I am agreeing to pay the per page charge for this transcript as provided by Rule 607, SCACR.

Sincerely,

Brenda G. Harmon/Pro Se

2110 Woodfield Drive

Columbia, South Carolina 29223

Brenda G. Harmon

cc: Kelli Sullivan

Clerk, Court of Appeals

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- A transcript of the entire proceedings is ordered.

YBR.

SECOND REQUEST: PROOF OF SERVICE OF A NOTICE OF APPEAL

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SECOND REQUEST: PROOF OF SERVICE

I, BRENDA G. Harmon, certifies to the courts that I have served a Letter, ORDERING TRANSCRIPT

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same means of delivery. I, the above named Appellant is requesting, for a second time for the
transcript of hearing heard on Jan., 06, 2015.

Please transcribe the entire record. for which I will pay the per page charge for this transcript
as provided by Rule 607, SCACR.

This case was heard by Honorable Judge DeAndrea G. Benjamin. Case No. 2014-CP-40-2507,
Fifth Judicial Circuit, In Columbia, South Carolina, Richland County.

This is an Order.

Sincerely,

Brenda G. Harmon/Pro Se'

2110 Woodfield Drive

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Brenda G. Harmon
March 5, 2015

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Dear Ms. Jordan;

I thank you for acknowledging my request. I spoke to Ms. Allen, informing her that I did get a response from you, and that I am enclosing the amount for which you quoted as being the cost for the transcript, case # 2014-CP-40-2507, Brenda G. Harmon/ Defendant v. Joel E. Johnson. DMD, Enclose is a U. S. Postal Service Check in the amount for 130.00.

Sincerely,

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APPELLANT # 2015-000061

MCKAY, CAUTHEN, SETTANA & STUBLEY, P. A.

C/O KELLI L. SULLIVAN

REPRESENTATIVES FOR JOEL JOHNSON, DMD

RESPONDENT

VS.

BRENDA G. HARMON

APPELLANT/PRO SE

TO -INFORM S.C. COURT OF APPEALS TRANSCRIPT DOCUMENT.

TO ALL PARTIES OF INTEREST;

LET ME INFORM YOU THAT I, BRENDA G. HARMON, DID INDEED RECEIVED A
COURT TRANSCRIPT FROM MS. HILDA JORDAN / COURT REPORTER, ON

the case BSH.
SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2015, ~~THAT WAS HEARD ON 1-6-15, HEARD BEFORE JUDGE~~
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SINCERELY,

Brenda G. Harmon

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BRENDA G. HARMON

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P.S.,

Please disregard statement written
concerning Ms. Jordan. All transactions
between myself and her has been solved.

Brenda Harmon

BRIEF OF APPELLANT

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STATEMENT OF THE CASE

On April 6, 201

APPEAL FOM RICHLAND COUNTY

Court of Common Pleas

DeAndrea G. Benjamin, Fifth Circuit Judge

Case No. 2014-CP-40-2507

Appellant Case No. 2015-000061

Kelli Sullivan, Representative for

Joel E. Johnson, D.M.D.

Respondent,

v.

Brenda G. Harmon

Appellant

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Arguments

1. What constitute an Affidavit? It is a written document that is legally binding as an OATH. The Documents in my case were present from prominent Doctors to support what is wrong with me, as well as, one Doctor collaborating with the accused, informing the accuse of what he found.
2. The presiding Judge, DeAndrea Benjamin, failed to see what was in front of her as to me having to suffer from what the accused had done to me, where as I now have to be treated for the rest of my life, for something the accuse is trying to get away with, and is getting away with it, because of what I didn't have. The accused tried to pin his action on a black doctor, because the patient is black as well. I have been seen by, at least eight doctors, only two wrote the facts, provided no affidavit, because I have the Medical Records that cannot be denied. Medical Records, plus the correspondence (communication). Definitely gives credibility/credence, to my claim.
3. South Carolina shows a difference among some states in the law of average. In some states, The Supreme Court rules, "when an appeal presents a mixed question [***20] of law and fact, the factual findings of the trial court are entitle to the same weight as a jury verdict. Although conclusions of law are reviewed de novo, the trial courts findings of fact will not be set aside unless they are plainly wrong or without evidence to support the claim." ' Exception applies to this case under the continuing treatment rule.' Simply because Doctors have a license, it does not give them the right to kill.
4. Instead of this state showing the way for life to move forward, we are still holding onto slavery ways. This Dentist knows he did a harmful act to me, which is chronic. Instead of him standing-up to what he done, he hides behind the fact that I don't have an affidavit. Dr. Joel Johnson

implied, that another Doctor to put in writing that another Doctor is at fault, especially when the patient is black and over fifty. The license is just another way of being used like the KLU KLUX KLAN, way (method). Doctors of any type of medicine, should never be put above the LAW. I

Have never seen a Doctor yet, who is greater than 'GOD.'

5. The resided Judge DeAndrea Benjamin, refused to see any exhibits, thou one exhibit was passed to her in the Court, a prescription that had just been given to the appellant, with bags of exhibits in front of her. It was as if her decision was made before I had gotten there.

In a conclusion statement I ask the Court of appeals to re-evaluate the decision and re-open the case by, 1. Make the decision to settle me financially, 2. Let the case be heard in a court room and let the people decide, by jury, 3. Return the case back to arbitration.

Testimonies will be provided by said licensed Doctors, licensed by the STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, that documents written and signed by them, will be used as an affidavit of verbal facts.

TABLE OF AUTHORITIE

CASES

1. Vicki L. Wilkinson, Appellant, v. East Cooper Community Hospital, Inc., d/b/a East Cooper Regional Medical Center, Carolina Plastic Surgery Institute, P. A., Thomas X. Hahm, M. D., Respondents.

Appellant Case No. 2012-213464.

Appeal From Charleston County
R. Markley Dennis Jr., Circuit Court Judge

Opinion No. 27423

Heard May 20, 2014 – Filed July 2014

REVERSE AND REMANDED

Standard of Review

“On appeal from the dismissal of a case pursuant to Rule 12(b)(6), an appellant court applies the same standard of review as a trial court.” Rydde v. Morris, 381 S. C. 643, 646, 675 S. E. 2d 431, 433 (2009). “That standard requires the court to construe the complaint in a light more favorable to nonmovant and determine if the facts alleged and the inferences reasonably deducible from the pleadings would entitle the plaintiff to relief on any theory of the case. *Id.* (internal quotations omitted). The Court may sustain the dismissal when “the facts alleged in the complaint do not support relief under any theory of law.” *Fateau v. Harrelson*, 355 S. C. 197, 202, 58 S. E. 2d 413, 416 (Ct. App. 203).

Arguments

The arguments of this case, Wilkinson challenges the propriety of Ranucci 1, facts. Even if her complaint is deemed deficient based on her failure to contemporaneously file an expert affidavit, she contends any deficiency did not mandate dismissal. Rather, she asserts any dismissal under section 15-36-100(C)(1) is permissive given the statute states that a plaintiff's complaint is “subject to dismissal for failure to state a claim.” (Emphasis added.) Because dismissal is not statutorily mandated. Therefore, the decision handed down had to be reverse by the Appellant Courts.

2 Delta Apparel, Incorporated, Respondent, v. Daniel G. Farina, Appellant.
Appellant Case no. 2012- 205467. Opinion No. 2012-205467. Filed October
2013.

Appeal From Greenville County
Letitia H. Verdin, Circuit Court Judge

Opinion No. 5180

Heard September 12, 2013 – Filed October 30, 2013

REVERSED

LOCKEMY, J.: Daniel G Farina appeals the trial Courts denial of his Rule 60
(b), SCRCF motion for relief from judgment. He argues the trial court did not
have personal jurisdiction to award a judgment against him. We reverse.

Personal Jurisdiction

While Farina did not invoke the exact name of the legal doctrine of personal
jurisdiction, we find the pertinent portions of his argument were sufficiently
clear for the trial court to decide this issue. Thus, Farina preserved this issue
for the appellant review. Herron v. Century BMW, 395 S. C. 461, 466, 719
S.E.2d 640, 642(2012) (stating that while a party is not required to use the
exact name of a legal doctrine in order to preserve the issue, the issue must
be “sufficiently clear to bring into focus the precise nature of the alleged
error so that it can be reasonably understood by the judge”).

3. Wells Fargo Bank, N. A., (Wachovia Bank, National Association), Plaintiff,
v.

Marion Amphitheatre, LLC, David P. Gannon, Michael Guarco, Carolina Entertainment Complex, LLC, and 4 Prophets, LLC, a/k/a 4 Profits, LLC, Defendants.

Appellant Case No. 2012-211806

Appeal From Marion County

W. Haigh Porter, Special Referee

Opinion No. 5218

Submitted November 1, 2013 - Filed April 16, 2014

REVERSED AND REMAND

Law and analysis

In some circumstances, a verified pleading may be used in lieu of an affidavit. . .
“Id. Even when the claim fits into one of the damages categories that Rule 55 (b) (1) allows to be proven by affidavit or verified complaint, however, the trial court retains the discretion to conduct a hearing. See Rule 55 (b) (2), SCRPC (“If. . . it is necessary . . . to determine the amount of damages . . . , the court may conduct such hearing . . . as it deems necessary and proper . . .”).

ANOTHER SUPPORTING CASE

SALYSSA CHALIFOUX

v.

RADIOLOGY ASSOCIATES OF RICHMOND, INC

RECORD NO. 100052

SUPREME COURT OF VIRGINIA

281Va. 690; 708 S.E.2d 834; 2011 Va. LEXIS 87

Decided April 21, 2011

Reversed and Remanded

BACKGROUND;

At the conclusion of the hearing, the circuit court took the matter under advisement. At a hearing on August 17, [***8] 2009, the court sustained Radiology Associates' plea of the statute of limitation. By letter opinion dated October 1, 2009, the circuit court ruled that Chalifoux's treatments were single, isolated acts which do not toll the statute of limitations under the continuous treatment rule.

The circuit court thereafter denied a motion for reconsideration by chalifoux and dismissed the case. We awarded Chalifoux this appeal.

STATEMENT OF ISSUES ON APPEAL

Appellant request the rights that she is entitle. I am requesting the right to have my case heard by jurors of my peers. I am requesting what was given by Judge Lee, Arbitration be given or case be heard. I request the Court Appeals to settle this dispute with a fair and impartial decision.

When doctors feel that they can harm a person, than lie about what they have done, this is when it becomes an issue with the courts. We cannot go around in this world hurting people. The year was 2011, with A BLACK PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, when I was mangled by Dr. Joel Johnson, this is to inform you that the world has changed. It is not 1900.

STATEMENT OF THE CASE

I, Brenda G. Harmon, went to Dr. Joel E. Johnson, D.M.D., 9 Office Park Court, Columbia, S. C. 29223, (803)788-2555. The initial process of removing teeth #s, 7, 8, 9 and 10, went well, replacing them with a hard plastic set. I was informed by his staff, "it will take about 3, weeks." I went home, excited about getting new teeth.

On April 25, 2011, I was called from his office, asking me to come to Dr. Johnson's office that next day, because the teeth had arrive and Dr. Johnson wanted to finish his work in progress. On April 26, 2011, I arrived on schedule still excited about the process. I was place in his surgery chair and given six shots to numb the pain that I was intended to feel. When the medicine took effect, shortly afterwards the process began. It took hours, because he was placing four crowns. When the process was completed, no one could have been more delighted in having new teeth than me.

I left the Doctor's office feeling happy all-around. However, upon arriving home, with-in 30 min., tooth #7, broke off from the entire gum. I immediately called Dr. Johnson's office and reported what had happen. The receptionist, Shelly answered the phone telling me to wait, so that she could go in the back and inform Dr. Johnson. When she returned to the phone she said, "Dr. Johnson said, be in his office tomorrow." I said, "o.k."

The next day was Wednesday, April 27, 2011, when all hell broke loose. As I sat in the surgery chair, Seneca, the student who was observing, paid close attention because he was a student. I was given seven shots in the gums to ease the expected pain that go along with this type of procedure. While the shots were taking its effect on me Dr. Johnson kept leaving me in the chair every three to four minutes and each time I noticed his breath was refreshed more than the last minute each time he left and returned. I was now feeling the effects from the shots given, making me relax and at ease. Dr. Johnson left again, counting the times would now add up four times or more. When he noticed that the effect had begun, I laid back into the chair and he started another process.

He removed the broken tooth and began to insert a post into my gum, when

all of a sudden we heard a snap, as if something had cracked. I jerked because there was a direct moment of pain. Dr. Johnson looked at me and asked, "did that hurt?," I replied, "damn right that hurt." It was then that he broke my jaw/bones in the upper torso of the gums. I didn't know it at the time because I was so high off the shots. The post was covered with a bridge. I was handed two prescriptions, one for infection and the other for pain. It was still a.m., when all was done so I left his office and went to the pharmacy, having the prescriptions filled. My face was swollen and I felt no pain from the injections that I had been given. I went home, for an hour or so, I noticed that the pain was escalating to a new high and my face was swelling to a larger degree. I thought it was because the shots I had been given was wearing off, so I waited 30 minutes later, because it was now unbearable. I called Dr. Johnson's office again, Shelly answered, I told her what was now happening to me, she did the same thing that she had done yesterday, putting me hold on while she went into the back. When she came back, she said, "Dr. Johnson said be in his office tomorrow." At this time I was in so much pain, I thought that I was now dead and living in hell. The next day was Thursday, April 28, 2011 when I back to Dr. Johnson's office, he numb me again with shots, making the statement, "Dr. Sykes did a poor piss job, and he didn't care who hear him say it," I looked at Seneca the student, and he looked at me. I was seen by Dr. Sykes, D.D.S., on April 01, 08, indicating that I held the pain until I saw a white doctor. What is so ridiculous about that statement is that I had seen Dr. Greg McKenzie a year and six months after seeing Dr. Sykes, D.D.S., before coming to him (Dr. Johnson), in April 2011. I suffered no pain from neither Doctor. What was said is because Dr. Sykes is black, it was his fault that I was having the pain.???? Still, getting deep into ones personal feelings about race was not a great issue for me to think along those terms. Again I was injected with seven shots, and went home. I was tire of just receiving shots, when my face had swelled up like a balloon. When I got home I had my husband to take pictures of my face.

The pain wasn't leaving nor was the swelling decreasing. I suffered for the rest of that day, because at tis point the shots gave minimal relief. I did not get much sleep due to the pain.

The next day there was no change from the pain and there was no change from the swelling in my face, I called Dr. Johnson office again, but he was closed. Having nowhere to turn for relief, I thought about Dr. Greg McKenzie, I knew he was a friend of Dr. Johnson, due to the fact when I had oral surgery extraction done 16 months earlier it was from Dr. Johnson's recommendation. I called Dr. McKenzie's Office and he agreed to see me, but his office was closing at noon. It was now Friday, April 29, 2011. I was in so much pain I had developed a moan to the pain. While I was in his office having x-rays taken, I realize that I had become very sensitive to touch, especially when cold- objects, touched the gums. Dr. McKenzie, took x-rays and told me that the bones in the upper was broken. After the x-rays were taken, Dr. McKenzie said, "he, didn't mean to do it," referring to Dr. Johnson. I told him that he "haven't even tried to apologize for his mistake, so he did mean to do it." The next visit with Dr. McKenzie, I met a beautiful young lady while I was there, her name was Claire. We talked for a while, she resides residence in California, the most importance about me meeting her is, she's Dr. McKenzie's daughter, the middle child. As she talked about herself, for a moment I thought of something else other than my pain. He prescribed vicoden to at least alleviate some of the pain, until I could go back to Dr. Johnson. I went to the pharmacy, got the prescription and went home.

During this entire time, I was going to see my mother at the nursing home every day. I was in severe pain, but you only get one mother and that opportunity was far greater for me to suffer than to not have her into my life.

When Monday came, I didn't call Dr. Johnson's office, I went there hoping he would do the right thing, however he didn't. When Dr. Johnson saw me, he starred at me as if I was a piece of shit. The shot routine was down pack, but it did help. He shaved my teeth again, top and bottom, changing the posterior of my mouth. I informed him of what Dr. McKenzie's x-rays showed, and what he had found personally, he quickly said, "Dr. Mckenzie is not saying that it is broken." I didn't say anything further. However, this made me aware that they had talked, at that moment, he could have

apologize for his error, but still he said nothing and had no intentions of doing so.

It was at this point I knew that I needed Legal representation. However, Dr. Johnson told me that I needed a root canal in #8, and that what was causing the problem. He recommend Wm. Trent Gillespie, DMD, MPH, 618 Ott Road, Columbia, S. C. 29205. At this point I was willing to try anything to get rid of the pain. The next day, Tuesday, May 3, 2011. My husband was with me and he began to act out his emotions of flashbacks, while in Dr. Gillespie's office having been diagnosed with a severe case of PTSD, steaming from The Viet Nam War. We did not stay because of his episodic illness. Returning home for the day, still in pain, I knew from this point, that Dr. Johnson had no intentions of helping me seek relief. I had made-up my mind at that particular point, that I will not return to Dr. Johnson's office.

The pain in my face was getting worst and it seem like there was nothing I could do to erase the destruction of pain and swelling, from what is now a factor in my life. On Friday, April 13, 2011, I ached so baby that I woke-up in tears. I went to Richland memorial Hospital, x-rays were taken by an emergency room doctor who confirmed with Dr. McKenzie's diagnosis that I had broken bones in the upper lining of the jaw. He made a panarax of the x-rays, prescribed pain pills, and I went home. I was still writing on a daily basis of how I felt, and where I went. It seem as though my face would swell on a daily routine and the pain was the same. Time, I figured would be the healer, I kept thinking, I couldn't go on like this much longer. No matter how many tears I dripped, the pain was still there and so was the swelling.

Things were beginning to crumble, taking a turn for the worst. I was no longer going to Dr. Joel Johnson, a decision from my own thought of realization about what Dr. Johnson's capabilities are. I felt that alcohol was a significant part of his daily routine and this is why this happened to me. No person should have to go through this much pain from a licensed doctor. On May 19, 2011, Dr. Greg McKenzie wrote in my medical chart, that it was definitely a fracture that was causing me the problems that I was experiencing.

I became a patient of Dr. McKenzie, for which he performed surgery after surgery to correct the problems that was created by Dr. Johnson and each time I was in his office, he would say the same thing he said the last time, "he didn't mean to do it." He took out the implant that Dr. Johnson did, about a

month later he did his own implant, which didn't take, and I was not healing proper from infections in the mouth, being given antibiotics left and right. By this time, I had had four surgeries, shaving of my teeth was a must each time. Dr. McKenzie also recommended Dr. Wm. Trent Gillespie for the same thing that Dr. Johnson did, I needed a root canal in #8, stating this is why I was continuing to have pain and the swelling. I was still sensitive in the mouth to any type of object touching the gums. I felt nothing like I did before going to Dr. Johnson. However, I began to go to Dr. Gillespie for treatments for diagnosis of infection in #8. I met with Dr. Gillespie on Tuesday, June 14, 2011, for the initial consultation for which I paid him for the entire treatment he was to perform. Two weeks later, Tuesday, June 28, 2011, the first treatment took place. A hole was drilled in the back of crown #8, than treatment began. For each treatment I would be given an Anesthetic of Lidocaine and other medications to treat the tooth.

I went back to Dr. Gillespie on Monday, July 11, 2011 thru Wednesday, December 28, 2011. I still showed signs of being sensitive to objects, my gums were severely tender and not healing in the general area where the four crowns were put. The swelling in the face came and went, mostly came. Sensitivity to cold weather and objects was a prevalent observation, it was never going to end for me.

When I went to Dr. Gillespie for my final treatment, in Feb., 2012, the pain returned to high degree of suffering and the swelling rise to the occasion.

I went back to Dr. McKenzie, who took x-rays and found out the bone in that area was broken as well. Another gingival flap was done, as well as surgical removal of crown #8, taking out the fractured bone and replacing it with powder that turns into bone. I was given a prescription for pain and some antibiotic for infection. I now have two of the crowns gone where Dr. Johnson first did the damage to me.

Dr. McKenzie still trying to replace the empty areas in my mouth that was damaged by Dr. Johnson. The prescriptions was piling up and the antibiotics were at an enormous amount. I kept all bottles of medicines that I was prescribed and all bottles of antibiotics given. I still had an Attorney, however

no action was being active in my case. I would call Attorney Matthews, who was my attorney and ask him what was happening. I needed another doctor to say in no uncertain terms that Dr. Joel Johnson fracture my jaw. Attorney Matthews said, "let me see what I can do." This was a repeated reply when I would ask. Time was still moving, not waiting for me. I was still asking questions, getting the same reply, from Attorney Matthews. I knew that the statute of limitations for me to file with the courts is three years from the date of injury and that date was approaching fast. Being released from Attorney Matthews ten (10), days of filing, I still had the right to file. I began to search frantically for another Attorney who might take the case. I must have request the services of at least forty-five Attorney's but, through no avail, none took it. I was given all kinds of reasons. I have the files that Attorney Matthews had acquired from all medical staff of those who participated in my medical treatment. However, I decided at this point to take the problem (me/mouth), out of the Columbia perimeter, but stay within the state, so I went to Charleston. Having had made an appointment earlier with Dr. Murphy a Dentist, D.M.D. on April 16, 2014, who x-rayed my mouth, informing me that I definitely had a problem, referring me to a neurologist at Roper Hospital, in Charleston, S. C., Dr. Bahadori. My appointment was Tuesday, May 13, 2014. Dr. Bahadori examined me and informed me that I had trigeminal neuralgia, a nerve disorder of the face that came from having broken bones in the jaw. I was glad to know that I wasn't crazy. The Doctor gave me several prescriptions, the one I must take twice a day every day is Gabapentin (medicine). I will take this medicine for the rest of my life, unless he otherwise change it to another prescription. The second prescription, was for an MRI, at Roper Hospital, in Charleston, S. C. The following Saturday, May 13, 2014. I went to Roper Hospital and had the MRI, in the basement of the Hospital, a week later I went had an ENT examine

with Dr. Schienhauwzer, who was recommend by Dr. Bahadori, in Charleston.

What is amazing about the whole thing of what is wrong with me, all of the Doctors agree about the fact that I have broken bones and have developed trigeminal neuralgia, which is chronic, meaning that I'll be in pain for the rest of my life, but refuse to sign an affidavit. However, I have been provided my medical records that definitely say what happened. Doctor (Joel E. Johnson), who display an emotion to that, 'I don't give a damn,' (mentality), or lack of wisdom to say he's sorry.

I filed papers with the Courts on April 16, 2014, giving me ten days before the deadline to file, I paid the filing fee, as well. On that same day I went to the sheriff dept., located in the Court House, using them to deliver, "notice of intent," paid them and left.

I, heard from the courts, informing me that my court date was coming up on April 11, 2014, presiding Judge A. Lee. Upon receiving this letter, I immediately went to the U. S. Post Office, sending notification to Joel Johnson and his legal counsel, informing them that a Court day was set. from whom I had just received a letter, "Motion to Dismiss." This motion was dated July 18, 2014, which was the same day I received the notice from the court of scheduled hearing, however, the NOTICE OF MOTION SCHEDULING, clearly state that I must notify the defendant to this order, so I did it on the same day it was received. What the motion said from the accused legal counsel was that this case was frivolous an even more so of me to even file I fired back with a motion, informing the court that there is nothing frivolous about me having had eleven doctors bond against me. It is nothing frivolous about a doctor cutting (doing surgery) if it ain't broke. I heard nothing from the court, so the date was set. On the day of the hearing, August 11, 2014, I arrived early with all the information and the bag of empty medicine containers that I was given and used. When the Judge called my case number and name I stood up. The Judge asked for the representatives for Joel Johnson and no one stood up, so the Judge motion to the court security to check the hall/lobby to see if anybody would show. Nobody showed. The Judge waited for five min., still no one show. Judge Lee ask me to state my case, I showed her my mouth and

how the infection is still active in the area where I have been cut eleven times. I showed her the bottles of medicines I had been given and bought under prescriptions. I also showed her the signed statements from Dr. Barhadori, stating that I have trigeminal neuralgia, a licensed neurologist that works out of Roper Hospital in Charleston, S. C., His office is in the 'CAROLINA NEUROLOGIST CLINIC, LLP, 125 Doughty Street, Suite 460, Charleston, S. C. 29403. No one from counsel still hadn't showed for the

hearing. Judge Lee granted my request to have a trial, from what was seen and lack of interest from the legal representatives of the defendant. On August 15, 2014, I received Form 4, from the court that the request from the defendant and counsel, Motion to Dismiss was dismissed for failure to prosecute. I was estatic with joy, because we would continue. December 2014, under Judge Lee.

A few Days later I received a letter from Dr. Johnson's Attorney Kelli Sullivan. Motioning to have the case thrown out again, because I filed within ten days before deadline. I motion to the court for Default Judgement, for failing to appear for a legal hearing. I motioned the court at the same time I received their motion, again. This was something I began to noticed, for every time I motioned the courts, I received a motion from the defendant at the same time. I felt as thou they were trying to take away my legal rights, as well as the Doctor having already abused me.

In keeping my medical appointments, I try my best to maintain the medical help I can get from the Doctors. In the meantime, I heard from the Courts, a hearing was scheduled for December 16, 2014, for both motions. The presiding Judge would be Michael G. Nettles, in Courtroom 3-B, at 11:00, a. m. I was glad. As time got closer to the date of motions to be heard, I received a letter changing the scheduled date because of the Christmas Holidays were approaching. The new date was set for January 6, 2015, for motion to dismiss and January 15, 2015, changing Judges, this time the motion was to presided over by Judge DeAndrea Benjamin, Courtroom 2E, for both motions. When I received the changed schedule, I again notified the defendant of the change. I would send each document by Priority Mail, having the post office to make a copy of me mailing the item. I have did this

to any reference that I needed to inform the defendant. I have had all documents that needed to show Proof of Service, signed by a licensed sealed The facial nerves was damaged when Dr. Johnson broke the bones in the upper jaw. I am being told by Dr. Bahadori, that I need surgery because my gums still turning white in areas #'s 9, and 10, an indication that the bones are cracked in that area as well. However, I went to other Doctor's and all have different opinions as to whether the bones are broke. My primary care physician, Dr. Robert Kneece suggested that I get that taken care of, because it can cause me harm in the long run, so he gave me a prescription to see two other doctors. I have since then went back to Dr. Bahadori, and I still have this incurable sufferage, that is chronic. I was given a prescription for my next appointment and a new prescription, and left For the rest of my life, I must see doctors for this atrocity, and spend money / taking medicines T shouldn't have to. For each day I survive the pain, is a day my life have been shorten. My mother lived until she was ninety -two, I hope that is the possibility for me. I, like to do the same

FACTS:

I appealed this case for the decision that was handed down od to bias reactions from Judge D. Benjamin. She was very prejudice in her decision making. She failed to examine any documents from other doctors, she refused to let the defendant present evidence to support my claim.

Most importantly, she decided this case without equivocation to SOUTH CAROLINAL LAW, states in THE S. C. JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT, rule #24, 1. FAILURE TO ANSWER AND 2. , FAILURE TO APPEAR. Appellant was over looked in the later. Failure to appear ; If the respondent should fail to appear when specifically so ordered by the hearing panel or the Supreme Court, the respondent shall be deem to have admitted the factual allegations which were to be the subject of such appearance and to have conceded the merits of any

motion or allegations to be considered at such appearance. Absent Good Cause, the hearing or the Supreme Court shall not continue or delay proceeding because of respondents FAILURE TO APPEAR. A willful failure to appear before a hearing panel or Supreme Court may be punished as a contempt.

Therefore it was my legal right to request to the courts, for DEFAULT JUDGEMENT.

The representative for the defendant said something in reference, that she sent me a letter answering the complaint (line # 20, of plaintiff transcript), and the

Judge Benjamin agreed, saying the letter is in the file. I have yet to receive or see this letter. Judge Benjamin didn't even show me the letter, where is it?

Special privileges were given solely because she is an attorney, had this been me the plaintiff, failing to appear, under no certainty the case would have been lost without a doubt. However, on (pg. # 6 line # 15,/transcript), Attorney claim they had some scheduling problems with that August hearing date. Our office was not notified of that hearing so we did not know to be there. I understand the logic of Judges and Attorneys that look at people who represent themselves, as if they are stupid. I guess I must have looked stupid for real, considering I was in pain that day for the same reason for being there. I don't hear as well due to that same pain that was thrushed upon me from the defendant.

Nevertheless, as for Attorney not being notified, let me assure you that she was and I have tracking #, that will tell the courts that I sent her mail, to inform her of the date the courts scheduled. As a matter of fact, I have all the tracking dates from the U. S. Post Office, as to when she was notified, due to the court instructions. Let me assure you, I am not stupid by any means. I didn't start out representing myself, but if you can see the norm in this, who better to speak for me than me. I have the vacant spots in the mouth, I have the pain in the face due to nerve damage. I have the burning sensation of pain around my right nostril. I have the severe headaches. I am the one who have pain in the right eye. I have pain traveling down my right side of my neck and shoulder. I have gums that refuse to heal were the broken bones were. I have white gums as if the two remaining crowns, the bones are broken under them as well and this is why the mouth is refusing to heal. I am the one who still have to take antibiotics every six months or better for infections. I am the one who has to

take a prescribe medication to control the nerves for the rest of my life. I am the one who will suffer with what was done to me for the rest of my life. I would like to purpose a question, to the Courts, Have you ever smelled infection? It is not a sweet odor is it? Well, at times the infection is so bad that it pops out on the skin in by face. I am the one who is being deprived of sleep, because of pains in my face during the night. I am the one who suffer from twitching on the right side of my face, the right arm, right eyes and right nostril that drips for no reason. I am the one who feels as thou my life has been shorten. I am the one who will always have to seek medical help Dr. Joel Johnson's malpractice. It is a fact that I live in a chronic state of pain because of my mouth. I am not a dog to dismiss, I am a human being who have been abused by the hands of Dr. Joel E. Johnson. The only way man can dismiss another is by death, and I am not dead yet.

It is a fact that I was given and prescribed a total amount of forty bottles of antibiotics, for the infection in the mouth that still arise. It is a Fact that I was prescribed a numerous amount of pain pill, this too still arise.

The facts are, I have been released from participating Doctors because there was nothing else they could do, and or, they just don't want to get involved in something they didn't do. Nevertheless, I am still suffering.

law." *Flateau v. Harrelson*, 355 S. C. 197, 202, 584 S. E. E. 2d 413, 416 (Ct. App. 20003). It is also a fact that I have paid out thousands of dollars (\$), in medical bills from this infliction to my health (mal- practice), and my insurances have paid more. I would never want to believe that these doctors summited to the act of wrong doing just to defraud the insurance companies.

Let me ask, what would make you (Courts), think that I would save an empty bottle of medication and not save a receipt of when something was mailed to the defendant?

On page #9, line # 12 of transcript, Attorney Sullivan, " We're under no obligation to send these things certified mail." In reference to what she was speaking about is the reply to the complaint. However, Attorney Sullivan feels that she can do as she please above and beyond the law, simply because she is a representative of the law that the appellant, who is without representation, can and did use the system to oust my complaint.

Example, on page # 10, line # 24, because of the 10 days before deadline of the statute, I have no right. Even with the extended 45 days to come up with an affidavit. She is also saying that information of what is written from licensed medical doctors of the state is not enough or cannot be used in proving Dr. Johnson wrong doing. Again she was wrong. It is a right that was given to me from the courts, That is something I beg the courts not to take away, my right. As for the affidavit, again THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, IN THE SUPREME COURT, VICKI L. WILKINSON, APPELLANT, v. EAST COOPER COMMUNITY HOSPITAL, INC., d/b/a EAST COOPER REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER, CAROLINA PLASTIC SURGERY

INSTITUTE, P. A., and THOMAS X. HAHN, M. D., RESPONDENTS. Appellant Case No. 2012- 213464, Appeal From Charleston County, R. Markley Dennis, Jr., Circuit Court Judge, Opinion No. 27423, Heard May 20, 2014 –Filed July 23, 2014. Standard of Review: “ On appeal from the dismissal of a case pursuant to Rule 12(b)(6), an appellant court applies the same standard of review as the trial court.” Rydde v. Morris, 381 S. C. 643, 675 S. E. 2d 431 (2009). That standard requires the Court to construe the complaint in light most favorable to the nonmovant and determine if the facts alleged and the inferences reasonably deducible from the pleadings would entitle the plaintiff to relief on any theory of the case.” I. (internal quotations omitted). The court may sustain the dismissal when “the facts allege in the complaint do not support relief under any theory of

However, I am very much aware the need for an affidavit, but the injury out ways that need. Because of the added amendment to this case, still if the case cannot be used in a way to give higher credence of helping the plaintiff, why is it still in the book to be used. This is AMERICA, we just don't go around doing bodily harm to people without consequences. Whether this doctor meant to do it, as some doctors has suggested, “he didn't mean to do it,” Still he has not apologize for his error and have no intentions of doing so because he's a white man that will not apologize to a black female. Money is green, I am black, and this is what he see. Race plays a large role in Dr. Joel Johnson's thinking. Race is beginning to play large roles all over America. So you see, this case is no different from what is happening every day.

I see my life diminishing away from the pains I must endure, with comfort from doctors who provide medications for control of the pain, as suggested I need surgery, the type of surgery need connects to the BRAIN/ MUSCLES, to control the twitching and stop the different types of pain, however there is no guarantee that the surgery will be successful. Furthermore, there is no doctor in the Columbia area who is willing to do it. I am not saying they are not qualified, I am saying they prefer not to do it. I can go to another state an have it done, but I prefer to be close to home. As for the affidavit that is needed, the witness of what is wrong, will provide an affidavit of words on the stand.

Continued Arguments:

This Case, Harmon v. Johnson, 2014 CP - 40 – 2507, was filed in April / 2013, However, The Case for,

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE SUPREME COURT

Vicki L. Wilkinson, Appellant,

v.

East Cooper Community Hospital, Inc., d/b/a East Cooper Regional Medical Center, Carolina Plastic Surgery Institute, P. A., and Thomas X. Hahm, M. D., Respondents

Appellate Case No. 2012 – 213464

Appeal From Charleston County

R. Markley Dennis, Jr., Circuit Court Judge

Opinion No. 27423

Heard May 20, 2014 – Filed July 23, 2014

REVERSED AND REMANDED

Recently this Court reversed Ranucci 1. Ranucci v. Crain, Op. No. 27422 (S. C, Sup. Ct. filed July, 2014) ("Ranucci v. 11"). In so ruling, we held that section 15 – 79 – 125 (A) Incorporates section 15- 36- 100 in its entirety. Thus, we ruled that a medical malpractice claimant to file an expert witness affidavit within forty-five days after filing the NOI. Id. This amendment was written after I filed with the Courts, therefore this does not apply to this case, because this case was filed before it was mandated. It also states.

When a plaintiff is not given the opportunity to file and serve an amended complaint, but is left with no choice but to appeal after dismissal of her case with prejudice, an appellate court which affirms the dismissal may modify the lower court's order.

The plaintiff have a well- pleaded complaint that should not be denied a trial, because the exhibits (documents), are overwhelming to plaintiff's complaint.

A document signed by a doctor of high regards from others, can not lie under oath, unless he / she, is willing to lose their license. The appellate just can,t see how doctors who are sworn by oath to save, would in any way lie and cover –up for another doctor. It is now the time for all doctors to stop this form of behavior (lying), simply because they are doctors. I, would think that they (doctors), would get tire of lying for others. The realization is that they hold life in their hands.

I, the appellant, beg the Appeals Court, to give consideration towards me for what is written. If a case written cannot be used, than why is it still on the docket to be used.

This case is provided with full merits,. I request to the Court to make Dr. Joel Johnson to prove that he didn't break the bones in my jaw, that is causing the appellate pains.

It is of great importance for this case to be heard because of the willful act of medical malpractice and lack of respect of other human being.

I, the Appellant, from the transcript provided, pg. # 11, line # 23, thru pg. # 12, line # 19, the Attorney for the defendant is saying that because of the fact that a neurologist has diagnosed the fractures that caused me to have trigeminal neuralgia, that his diagnosis is not a responsive diagnosis because he is not a dentist. Nevertheless, he is a doctor who is licensed by the STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, and in all intense purposes, he is an expert of bones. He provided me with a factual paper to what is wrong and where it came from. I am still being treated as a patient of Dr. Bahadori's to alleviate some of my discomforts., I am also still a patient of Dr. Murphy, DMD, which my last appointment with him was missed due to the pains I was experiencing at the time, therefore the Attorney does not know or understand that this is a standard of care, especially knowing that my suffering came from Dr. Joel Johnson, is chronic / lifetime. The Attorney for the defendant must know that this medical diagnosis cannot be treated, it can only be fixed with brain surgery. As it is stated in the case of Vicki L. Wilkinson, Appellant, v. East Cooper Community Hospital, Inc., d/b/a East Cooper Regional Medical Center, etc. Respondents, due to time, an affidavit was not needed. And since it is a permanent condition, there is no statute of limitations on nothing.

I, the Appellant, believes that the resided Judge DeAndrea Benjamin, knew this but failed to act on it as she should have. As I said earlier in this case, Judges and Lawyers look at those who defend themselves, as being stupid. So in light of this, Judge Benjamin, showed that she was prejudice toward the case before it even got started.

It appeared as if Attorney Sullivan / McKay, Cauthen, Settana & Stubley, P. A., representative for the defendant , as well as the presiding Judge Benjamin, tried to intimidate me by saying there was nothing I Can do, not even appeal the decision that was handed down. It is a matter of record for a judge of any case to inform the defendant, that he / she, has the right to appeal. Especially if there is another level of the judicial system for the appellant to move.

I ask the COURT OF APPEALS, to read the transcript of eighteen pages, where you can see the intimidation from them both.

And last of this ARGUMENT is from the Declaration of Independence, "that all men are created equal." If there are special privileges given to the attorney / defendant, they should have been given to the plaintiff.

CONCLUSION: *I have provided the courts details of what happened to me and what is still happening, therefore for reasons stated, this Court should reverse the judgement that was handed down from the circuit*

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STATEMENT OF ISSUES ON APPEAL

1. Did the Circuit Court err in dismissing Appellant's summons and complaint based on Appellant's failure to file a Notice of Intent and expert affidavit as is required by S.C. Code Ann. 15-79-125(A) (Supp. 2010)?
2. Did the Circuit Court err in dismissing the Appellant's summons and complaint based on the Appellant's failure to engage in presuit mediation as is required by S.C. Code Ann. 15-79-125(C) (Supp. 2010)?
3. Did the Circuit Court err in denying Appellant's Motion for Default Judgment?

STATEMENT OF THE CASE

Appellant filed her Summons and Complaint alleging dental malpractice on April 17, 2014 and served Respondent on May 22, 2014 (Complaint, p. 1-3). Appellant did not file a Notice of Intent to File suit as is required by S.C. Code Ann. 15-79-125 (Supp. 2010). Appellant failed to include with the Summons and Complaint an affidavit by an expert witness detailing any breach of the standard of care by Respondent. Along with the summons and complaint, Appellant filed a signed affidavit detailing the date upon which the statute of limitations was to run and asserted that because of the imminent statute of limitations, she was entitled to a 45-day extension in which to file an expert affidavit. (Affidavit of Brenda Harmon, p.1).

Respondent filed a Motion to Dismiss pursuant to Rule 12(b)(6), SCRPC on May 30, 2014 that was denied with leave to re-file by Judge Alison Lee on August 11, 2014. (First Motion to Dismiss p.1-3, Judge Lee Order p.1). Respondent then filed an Answer and served discovery on August 12, 2014 in which Respondent denied every allegation in the Complaint with the exception of paragraphs 1, 2, and 3. (Answer p. 1-3). Respondent received an unstamped "Response to Representatives of Defendant's Denial" from Appellant dated August 21, 2014 in which Appellant acknowledged Respondent's denial of claims in Respondent's Answer and Appellant refused to respond to discovery. (Plaintiff's Response, p. 1-3).

Respondent filed a second Motion to Dismiss pursuant to Rule 12(b)(6), SCRPC on September 23, 2014 due to Appellant's failure to provide an affidavit of an expert witness as is required by S.C. Code Ann. 15-79-125 and 15-36-100 (Supp. 2010). (Second Motion to Dismiss p.1-5). Appellant then sent an unstamped document entitled

“Willful Disrespect & Disregard for This Case and Time to Reply. Default” to Respondent’s counsel in which she again acknowledged her receipt of Respondent’s Discovery. (Plaintiff’s “Willful Disrespect & Disregard for This Case” document, p. 1). Despite Respondent’s filing and service of an Answer and discovery and Appellant’s acknowledgment of the receipt of these pleadings, Appellant filed a Motion for Default Judgment on November 10, 2014. (Plaintiff’s Motion for Default Judgment p. 1-3).

In a hearing on the Motion to Dismiss and Motion for Default Judgment Judge DeAndrea Benjamin found that Respondent had timely answered the Summons and Complaint and that Appellant failed to produce an expert witness affidavit supporting her Complaint. (Transcript p. 9-10, 14-15). Judge DeAndrea Benjamin then entered an Order of Dismissal on January 6, 2015, dismissing Appellant’s Complaint with prejudice. (Order of Dismissal, p.1). On the same day, Judge Benjamin entered an Order Denying Plaintiff’s Motion for Default Judgment because Respondent’s Answer was timely filed with the court and there was a Certificate of Service noting that the Answer was served on Respondent at her last known address. (Order Denying Motion for Default Judgment, p. 1). This appeal followed.

ARGUMENTS

I. BECAUSE APPELLANT FAILED TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT AND EXPERT AFFIDAVIT PURSUANT TO S.C. CODE ANN. 15-36-100 AND 15-79-125 (SUPP. 2010) WITHIN THE PRESCRIBED TIME PERIOD, THE ORDER DISMISSING APPELLANT'S CLAIM SHOULD BE AFFIRMED.

Section 15-79-125(A) of the South Carolina Code imposes pre-litigation filing requirements upon individuals intending to file suit for malpractice. One requirement is that the plaintiff must file a Notice of Intent accompanied by an affidavit of an expert witness. The affidavit is subject to the requirements established in S.C. Code Ann. 15-36-100 (Supp. 2010).

Section 15-36-100 of the South Carolina Code provides the requirements for filing a complaint in an action for damages based upon professional negligence. Professional negligence includes dental malpractice, the basis of Appellant's Complaint. Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. 15-36-100 (Supp. 2010), "the plaintiff must file as part of the complaint an affidavit of an expert witness which must specify at least one negligent act or omission claimed to exist and the factual basis for each claim based on the available evidence at the time of the filing of the affidavit."

The South Carolina Supreme Court recently clarified the expert affidavit requirements in Ranucci v. Crain, 409 S.C. 493, 763 S.E.2d 189 (2014). The Supreme Court held that the intention of S.C. Code Ann. 15-36-100 (Supp. 2010) was to promote tort reform, make the adjudication of professional negligence cases more efficient, and discourage the filing of frivolous claims. To that end, a plaintiff must file an affidavit of

an expert witness along with a Notice of Intent to File suit. If the statute of limitations will expire within 10 days, the plaintiff has an additional 45 days after the filing of the summons and complaint to procure an affidavit. S.C. Code Ann. 15-36-100(C)(1) (Supp. 2010).

Appellant claims that Dr. Johnson acted negligently in the placement of a crown on her tooth on April 26, 2011. The statute of limitations on that claim should then run on April 27, 2014. Appellant filed her Summons and Complaint on April 17, 2014 without an expert affidavit, but she signed an affidavit on her own that indicated she knew she was filing within 10 days of the statute of limitations and had an extension of 45 days in which to file an expert affidavit. (Affidavit of Brenda Harmon, p. 1). Appellant had therefore until June 8, 2014 to file an expert affidavit. She failed to file an expert affidavit by June 8, 2014. As of the date of the hearing on this matter, Appellant did not possess an affidavit as is required by statute. Appellant obviously knew of the affidavit requirement because she acknowledged it in her original filing. Appellant has chosen to ignore the expert affidavit requirements despite being additionally informed of her deficient complaint through Respondent's two motions to dismiss.

II. BECAUSE APPELLANT FAILED TO PARTICIPATE IN A PRE-LITIGATION MEDIATION CONFERENCE AS REQUIRED UNDER S.C. CODE ANN. 15-79-125(C) (SUPP. 2010), THE ORDER DISMISSING THE APPELLANT'S CLAIM SHOULD BE AFFIRMED

In Ross v. Waccamaw Community Hosp., 404 S.C. 56, 744 S.E.2d 547 (2013), the Supreme Court concluded that the time period for pre-litigation mediation set forth in

S.C. Code Ann. 15-79-125 (Supp. 2010) was not intended to place limitations on the circuit court's subject matter jurisdiction. However, the court further held that the 120-day time period is not meaningless, and the failure to comply with the 120-day time period "could result in dismissal but as a function of the court's discretion based on the facts and circumstances..."*Id.* at 66.

Appellant filed her Complaint on April 17, 2014. Assuming the 120-day period was applicable to the date she filed her suit, pre-litigation mediation should have been scheduled by August 15, 2014. S.C Code Ann. 15-79-125(E)(1) (Supp. 2010) allows a plaintiff to file a summons and complaint only after the mediator determines "that the mediation is not viable, that an impasse exists, or that the mediation should end."

Through the time the case was dismissed with prejudice on January 6, 2015, Appellant made no effort to engage in pre-suit mediation and consequently no mediator has found that mediation was not viable, that an impasse exists, or that the mediation should end as required by S.C. Code Ann. 15-79-125(E)(1) (Supp. 2010).

III. BECAUSE RESPONDENT PROPERLY FILED AND SERVED AN ANSWER TO APPELLANT'S COMPLAINT, THE ORDER DENYING PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR A DEFAULT JUDGMENT SHOULD BE AFFIRMED.

Appellant served her Summons and Complaint on May 22, 2014. On May 30, 2014 Respondent filed a Motion to Dismiss under Rule 12(b)(6), SCRCF for failure to comply with the Notice of Intent requirements set forth in S.C. Code Ann. 15-79-125 (Supp. 2010). Pursuant to Rule 12(a), SCRCF the filing and service of a motion to dismiss alters the time requirements for the filing of an answer. Once a Rule 12 motion is

filed and served, the responsive pleading is due either 15 days after notice of the Court's denial of the motion or, in the case of a motion for a more definite statement, 15 days after the service of the more definite statement.

Respondent filed and served his motion under Rule 12(b)(6), SCRCP on May 30, 2014, less than eight days after service of the summons and complaint. The initial Motion to Dismiss was denied by Judge Alison Lee on August 11, 2014. The Respondent then filed and served an Answer on August 12, 2014, one day after the Motion to Dismiss was denied. In addition, a second Motion to Dismiss was filed on September 23, 2014.

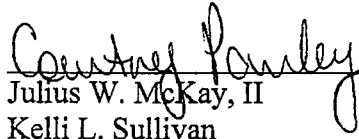
Appellant claims to have not received the Answer filed and served on August 12, 2014. There is, however, a Certificate of Service attached to the Answer, stamped by the clerk of court that evidences that the Answer was mailed to Appellant's last known address on August 12, 2014. (Certificate of Service, p. 1, Answer p.1-3). Service of the answer to the Appellant's last known address via U.S. Mail is proper pursuant to Rule 5(b)(1), SCRCP and the use of certified mail is not required. Wiggins v. Todd, 296 S.C. 432, 373 S.E.2d 704 (1988). Further, the two documents sent by Appellant to Respondent's counsel indicate that Appellant received both the Answer and discovery requests. (Plaintiff's Response, p.1-3, "Willful Disrespect & Disregard for This Case" document, p.1).

CONCLUSION

For the reasons stated, this Court should affirm the Order of Dismissal and Order Denying Plaintiff's Motion for Default Judgment of the Circuit Court.

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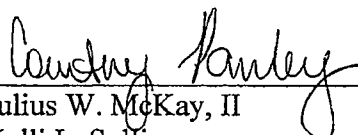
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**DESIGNATION OF MATTER
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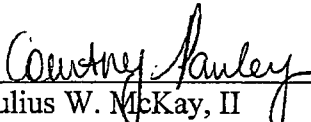
1. Complaint filed April 17, 2014.
2. Affidavit of Brenda Harmon signed on April 17, 2014.
3. Defendant's First Motion to Dismiss filed on May 30, 2014.
4. Judge Alison Lee's Order dated August 11, 2014.
5. Defendant's Answer filed on August 12, 2014.
6. Certificate of Service filed with Answer dated August 12, 2014.
7. Plaintiff's "Response" signed on August 21, 2014.
8. Defendant's Second Motion to Dismiss filed on September 23, 2014.
9. Plaintiff's "Willful Disrespect & Disregard for This Case" document received on September 25, 2014.
10. Transcript of January 6, 2015 hearing on Motion for Default Judgment and Motion to Dismiss.
11. Form 4 Order signed by Judge Benjamin on January 6, 2015.
12. Order Denying Plaintiff's Motion for Default Judgment entered on January 6, 2015.

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I certify that this designation contains no matter which is irrelevant to this appeal.

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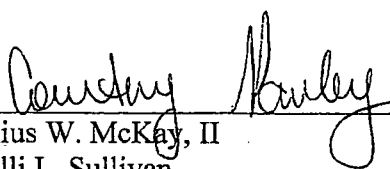
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Reply
~~Final Brief – rule # 208 / 2nd~~, Designation of Matter

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COPY

I, Brenda G. Harmon, received a response from the Law Firm, McKay, Cauthen, Settana & Stubley, P. A., 1303 Blanding Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201, representatives for the above named respondent. On Thursday, May 25, 2015, via U. S. Mail. It is a reply to the Initial Brief that I wrote for the basis of my appeal. In this response, on pg. # 6, it is written that I had only ten days left to file. That is a Given. That is a right provided to me by the court. The Representatives for the defendant is suggesting that you take away that right. By the same token of having equality, the Constitution Says I have the same rights as their client, to live free. I am not free from daily pains, daily swelling or headaches from the defendant's mal-practice. When this Dentist saw that other Doctors was not going to take the blame for his mistake, he tried to blame another doctor simply because he was black. Through- out these proceedings, the defendant/representative, It is A fact, not just a claim. I request to the Court of Appeals to read the transcript in its entirety, 18 pages, and read the response. This response will be used by me, the appellant at the time I am required to appear. You cannot go to a meeting of arbitration if that meeting has been canceled. When I was notified by the Courts that my hearing, which was scheduled for December, 2014, but changed to January 6, 2015, I immediately sent a letter informing Attorney Sullivan, of the new date that was given. On Pg. # 5, of the response from the Defendant's Attorneys, Their claim was that I failed to appear at the meeting for arbitration, this is a lie. I called, Mr. Tucker S. Player, (803) 772-8008, informing him that a Court date had been set before the arbitration, the hearing was canceled. Please look at the date it was scheduled. I went to Court on January 6, 2015, for which Judge Benjamin, threw out the entire case. The meeting for arbitration was scheduled for Feb. 2015. Where is the logic? Every item that required me to reply, I did. This is what I tried to get Judge Benjamin to see, but she didn't want to see nor did she show any interest in me receiving justice, in my opinion, Judge Benjamin had made her decision before the case had started, from what she was told and not what she read. Certainly, And I hope, she didn't make her decision from the information that was sent to me from The Law Firm, McKay, Cauthen, Settana & Stubley, P. A.

I am still a patient of Dr. Hamid Bahadori, M.D., of Carolina Neurology Medical Center, 125 Doughty Street, Suite 460, Charleston, S. C. 29403, therefore what he diagnosed cannot be void. Tactics are used every day by Attorneys who just want to win and win by attrition, never seeing the pain that their client caused. This Doctor, Joel E. Johnson Knows that he has done irreparable damage to my body, but still to this day won't say he's sorry. He rather crawl up like a snake and use the law because to him it is un-ethical to say so to a black female. My pain is evitable, it can only be quiet with medication for the rest of my life.

Again what constitute an "affidavit?" It is a written diagnosis of a patient from a medical Doctor. The law is a set of rules guided by facts and logic. I shall not be deprive of my rights because of my race, gender or age. The Laws from cases used in my Initial Brief, Are laws that are written.

No person, has the right to willfully take away the life of another person. I ache all the time, due to medical negligence. What was sent to me, via U. S. Mail a child can depict the lies that is written. In America you cannot do bodily harm to another person as you please, especially being a licensed person. That license, is given by the state, stating you know what you are doing. I did not in any circumstance pay you money to harm my face.

This is a second designation of matter / Final Brief. It is written.

Conclusion

For reasons provided in the initial Brief and my reply to their Response, is the reason my case should continue. I ask the Appeals Court to settle this case using the law the right way, A. Settlement, B. Arbitration, or C. Court Trial- Trial by Jury

CASE NUMBER: 2014CP4002507

Joel Johnson

PLAINTIFF(S)

Submitted by:

DEFENDANT(S)

Attorney for : ☐ Plaintiff ☐ Defendant or ☐ Self-Represented Litigant

CAUTION TYPE (CHECK ONE)

Set for a trial by jury: ☐ Yes ☒ No

DISPOSITION TYPE (CHECK ONE)

Attorney for : ☐ Plaintiff ☐ Defendant or ☐ Self-Represented Litigant

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☐ **JURY VERDICT.** This action came before the court for a trial by jury. The issues have been tried and a verdict rendered.

☐ **DECISION BY THE COURT.** This action came to trial or hearing before the court. The issues have been tried or heard and decision rendered.

☐ **ACTION DISMISSED (CHECK REASON):**

☐ Rule 43(k), SCRCP (Settled);

☐ **ACTION STRICKEN (CHECK REASON):**

☐ Binding arbitration, subject to

☐ Rule 12(b), SCRCP;

☐ Other

☐ Rule 41(a), SCRCP

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☐ Other

☐ Rule 41(a), SCRPC (Vol. Nonsuit),

☐ Binding arbitration, subject to right to restore to service

☐ Affirmed: ☐ Other ☐ Rule 40(j), SCRCF;

DISPOSITION OF APPEAL TO THE COURT

NOTE: **ATTORNEYS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR NOTIFYING LOWER COURTS OF THIS RULING IN THIS APPEAL.**

IT IS ORDERED AND DECREED:

☐ Affirmed; ☐ Reversed; ☐ Remanded; ☐ Other _____

☐ Bankruptcy ☐ Subject to right to restore to confirm, vacate or modify arbitration ☐ Rule 40(j), SCRPC;

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MAKE RESPONSIBLE FOR NOTIFYING LOWER COURT, TRIBUNAL, OR ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
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IT IS ORDERED AND ADJUDGED: ☐ See attached order (formal order to follow) ☒ Statement of Judgment by the Court:
 Motion to Dismiss
 This order ☐ ends ☒ does not end the case.
 Additional Information for the Clerk: to him dismissed
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Motion ☐ ends ☒ to dismiss ☒ does not end the case.
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☒ Statement of Judgment by the Court:

INFORMATION FOR THE JUDGMENT INDEX

JUDGMENT AGAINST THE JUDGMENT INDEX

A judgment affects title to real or personal property or if any amount should be enrolled. If there
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By the Court: _____

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I refer to the official court order for judgment details.

W. H. Lee
For Clerk of Court

Judge Code 2118

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Date 8/11/2014

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This document was entered on the 15 day of Aug., 2014 to attorneys of record or to parties (when appearing pro se) as follows:

Kelli Lister Sullivan

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Brenda Harmon

Brenda Harmon
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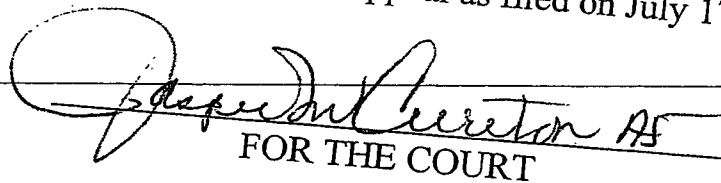
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ORDER

After careful consideration, Respondent's motion to dismiss is denied. However, Respondent shall have ten days from the date of this order to file a memorandum addressing any challenges to the amended record on appeal as filed on July 17, 2015.


FOR THE COURT

Columbia, South Carolina

cc:

Brenda G. Harmon
Kelli Lister Sullivan, Esquire
Julius W. McKay, II, Esquire
Courtney Renee Pawley, Esquire



Continuance

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COURTS

I, Brenda Harmon, who is the plaintiff against Dr. Joel Johnson (dentist), took the equation of what happen to me out of the Columbia, S. C. area and put it in another perimeter. Having an appointment with Carolina Neurological Clinic, LLP, examined me for continued pain and suffering since April 26, 2011, and found that I have Trigeminal Neuralgia, (nerve damage), stemming from fractured bones in the gum/mouth. I was informed by Dr. Hamid R. Bahadori, M. D., from The Carolina Neurological Clinic. For this problem I am finally being treated after having (11), surgeries by Dr. Johnson and his friends in the same medical field. Dr. Greg W. McKenzie, D. D. S. (Periodontics), and Dr. William Trent Gillespie, DMD, MPH (Endodontic). After having 11 surgeries between the three Doctors, neither would say that the pains I was having in my face came from the mouth.

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SINCERELY;

BRENDA HARMON

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COUNTY OF RICHLAND)

Brenda G. Harmon,)

Plaintiff,)

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Defendant.)

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PERSONALLY APPEARED before me, Brenda G. Harmon, who, first being duly sworn, deposes that the Statue of limitations on this case will run out on or about the 25th of April 2014. Although within ten (10) days of the filing of case and because of time constraints, I have been unable to get an expert witness in this case at this time.

I understand that pursuant to South Carolina Code of Laws section 15-36-100C1 that I will have forty-five (45) days after the filing of the Complaint to supplement the pleadings with an Affidavit or the case could be dismissed.

THE AFFIANT FURTHER SAYTH NOT.

Brenda G. Harmon
Brenda G. Harmon

SWORN to before me this 17th day of April, 2014.

[Signature] (SEAL)
NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SC

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: 10.14.2023



Respectfully submitted,

BY: Brenda B. Harmon
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Pro se

Columbia, South Carolina
April 15, 2014

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF Richland

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

Brenda G. Harmon

Plaintiff(s)

CIVIL ACTION COVERSHEET

vs.

Joel E. Johnson

Defendant(s)

2014CP400 2507

(Please Print)

Submitted By: Brenda G. Harmon
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SC Bar #:

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NOTE: The coversheet and information contained herein neither replaces nor supplements the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law. This form is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of docketing. It must be filled out completely, signed, and dated. A copy of this coversheet must be served on the defendant(s) along with the Summons and Complaint.

DOCKETING INFORMATION (Check all that apply)

- ☒ JURY TRIAL demanded in complaint. ☐ NON-JURY TRIAL demanded in complaint.
- ☐ This case is subject to ARBITRATION pursuant to the Court Annexed Alternative Dispute Resolution Rules.
- ☐ This case is subject to MEDIATION pursuant to the Court Annexed Alternative Dispute Resolution Rules.
- ☐ This case is exempt from ADR (Proof of ADR/Exemption Attached)

NATURE OF ACTION (Check One Box Below)

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| Contracts
☐ Constructions (100)
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☐ General (130)
☐ Breach of Contract (140)
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☐ Partition (440)
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☐ Habeas Corpus (530)
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☐ Relief (820)
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☐ Forfeiture-Petition (840)
☐ Forfeiture-Consent Order (850)
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☐ Death Settlement (700)
☐ Foreign Judgment (710)
☐ Magistrate's Judgment (720)
☐ Minor Settlement (730)
☐ Transcript of Judgment (740)
☐ Lis Pendens (750)
☐ Transfer of Structured Settlement
Payment Rights Application (760)
☐ Confession of Judgment (770)
☐ Petition for Workers
Compensation Settlement
Approval (780)
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in Out-of-County Action (660) | | |

Submitting Party Signature: Brenda HarmonDate: 4/17/14

Note: Frivolous civil proceedings may be subject to sanctions pursuant to SCRPC, Rule 11, and the South Carolina Frivolous Civil Proceedings Sanctions Act, S.C. Code Ann. §15-36-10 et. seq.

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FOR MANDATED ADR COUNTIES ONLY

Aiken, Allendale, Anderson, Bamberg, Barnwell, Beaufort, Berkeley, Calhoun, Charleston, Cherokee, Clarendon, Colleton, Darlington, Dorchester, Florence, Georgetown, Greenville, Hampton, Horry, Jasper, Kershaw, Lee, Lexington, Marion, Oconee, Orangeburg, Pickens, Richland, Spartanburg, Sumter, Union, Williamsburg, and York

SUPREME COURT RULES REQUIRE THE SUBMISSION OF ALL CIVIL CASES TO AN ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESS, UNLESS OTHERWISE EXEMPT.

You are required to take the following action(s):

1. The parties shall select a neutral and file a "Proof of ADR" form on or by the 210th day of the filing of this action. If the parties have not selected a neutral within 210 days, the Clerk of Court shall then appoint a primary and secondary mediator from the current roster on a rotating basis from among those mediators agreeing to accept cases in the county in which the action has been filed.
2. The initial ADR conference must be held within 300 days after the filing of the action.
3. Pre-suit medical malpractice mediations required by S.C. Code §15-79-125 shall be held not later than 120 days after all defendants are served with the "Notice of Intent to File Suit" or as the court directs. (Medical malpractice mediation is mandatory statewide.)
4. Cases are exempt from ADR only upon the following grounds:
 - a. Special proceeding, or actions seeking extraordinary relief such as mandamus, habeas corpus, or prohibition;
 - b. Requests for temporary relief;
 - c. Appeals
 - d. Post Conviction relief matters;
 - e. Contempt of Court proceedings;
 - f. Forfeiture proceedings brought by governmental entities;
 - g. Mortgage foreclosures; and
 - h. Cases that have been previously subjected to an ADR conference, unless otherwise required by Rule 3 or by statute.
5. In cases not subject to ADR, the Chief Judge for Administrative Purposes, upon the motion of the court or of any party, may order a case to mediation.
6. Motion of a party to be exempt from payment of neutral fees due to indigency should be filed with the Court within ten (10) days after the ADR conference has been concluded.

Please Note: You must comply with the Supreme Court Rules regarding ADR. Failure to do so may affect your case or may result in sanctions.

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Defendant.)

SUMMONS

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TO THE DEFENDANT ABOVE-NAMED:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint in this action, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer to the said Complaint on the Plaintiff, 2110 Woodfield Drive, Columbia, South Carolina, 29223, within thirty (30) days after service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the attached Complaint.

Dated at Columbia, South Carolina on the 4/17/14 day of April, 2014.

Brenda

Brenda G. Harmon
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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
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Defendant.

COMPLAINT

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The Plaintiff, complaining of the Defendant, would respectfully show unto this Court:

1. The Plaintiff and Defendant are citizens and residents of the County of Richland, State of South Carolina and have been so for more than one (1) year prior to the commencement of this action.
2. The Defendant is a dentist doing business in the County of Richland, State of South Carolina.
3. The Plaintiff was a former patient of the Defendant and that the Plaintiff contacted the Defendant to perform certain dental work; specifically to prepare her teeth for crowns and to eventually place the crowns on the Plaintiff's teeth.
4. On or about the 26th day of April 2011, the Plaintiff returned to have the crowns placed on her teeth.
5. The Defendant and his assistant did perform the procedure to place the crowns on the Plaintiffs teeth.
6. That shortly after leaving the dental office, the #7 tooth broke to the gum line due to the negligence and deviation from the standard of care provided by the Defendant.

7. That as a result of the conduct of the Defendant, the Plaintiff has suffered greatly and has had numerous dental procedures causing her great suffering as well as economical loss.

8. The Plaintiff is informed and believes that the Defendant was negligent, reckless, careless, and gruesomely negligent in the following particulars:

- (a) In failing to properly prepare the teeth for crowns;
- (b) In failing to properly supervise his assistant and the procedure;
- (c) In failing to perform the crown preparation under the circumstances and procedures that other dentists would do;
- (d) In cracking her tooth during the procedure;
- (e) In deviating from the standard of care like dentists in the area.

All or any one of which were the direct and proximate cause of the injuries and damages suffered by the Plaintiff herein.

9. That the Plaintiff is informed and believes that due to the conduct of the Defendant, she is entitled to judgment against the Defendant for actual damages plus a reasonable sum of punitive damages.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment against the Defendant for actual damages plus a reasonable sum of punitive damages; for the costs of this action; and for such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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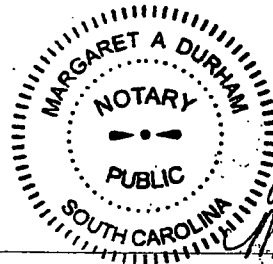
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I, THE ABOVE NAMED PLAINTIFF ADMIT THAT I AM NOT AN ATTORNEY, NOR DO I POSSESS THE SKILLS OR KNOWLEDGE THAT AN ATTORNEY MAY HAVE. HOWEVER, THE REPRESENTATION THAT I HAD DISMISSED HIMSELF FROM MY CASE FOR REASONS I CAN'T EVEN UNDERSTAND THE LATENESS OF HIS DISMISSAL. STILL, I CANNOT MAKE ANY LAWYER TAKE THIS CASE IF HE/SHE, CARE NOT TO REPRESENT ME, THAT IS THEIR CHOICE/AN RIGHT. I, THE ABOVE NAMED PLAINTIFF HAVE DEVELOPED A SLOWNESS IN MOVEMENT BECAUE OF THE PAINS THAT IS A DAILY ACTIVITY SINCE THE BONES WERE BROKEN IN MY MOUTH. THE PAINS COME IN THE LATE EVENING MOSTLY, BUT EVERY MORNING THERE IS BURNING OF THE EYES, NASAL DRIP LIKE SINUS. HEADACHES, SWELLING IN THE FACE, PAIN FROM THE RIGHT NOSTRIL TO THE RIGHT EYE, PAIN FROM THE RIGHT NOSTRIL ACROSS THE FACE TO THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE NECK INTO THE SHOULDER. THERE IS ALSO RINGING IN THE RIGHT EAR, AND MOST IMPORTANT THERE IS AN INFECTION THAT RUNS ACROSS THE FACE THAT CAUSES SEVERE PAIN. THIS IS MY MOST CONCERN, WHY?

AT THIS PARTICULAR TIME I HAVE NO REPRESENTATION, BUT LET ME ASSURE YOU THAT IT IS NOT THAT I HAVEN'T TRIED TO ACQUIRE REPRESENTATION. LET ME MAKE IT CLEAR TO THE DEFENDANT, YOU DO NOT HAVE THE RIGHT TO BUTCHER A PATIENT THEN TRY AND PLACE THE BLAME ON ANOTHER PROFESSIONAL DR. SYKES, D.D.S., SIMPLY BECAUSE WE ARE FROM THE SAME CULTURE. DR. SYKES HAD WORKED ON MY MOUTH THREE/FOUR YEARS PRIOR

TO YOUR BLANTANT NEGLIGENCE. IT IS KNOWN THAT DR. SYKES, DOES NOT DO
POSTS, WHICH IS WHAT YOU DID, LEAVING ME NUMEROUS OF TIMES, BEING
CARELESS.

WITHOUT CERTAINTY, MY PAINS ARE REAL, AND I CAN'T LOOK BACK AND ERASE
WHAT DR. JOEL JOHNSON DID TO ME. THERE WAS THREE FRIENDS, WHO ARE
WHITE, TRIED TO CONSPIRE AND HIDE THE FACT OF BRONKEN BONES AGAINST
AN OLDER LY BLACK FEMALE THAT THEY SOMEHOW KNEW THATNO ONE WOULD
LISTEN, NOR WOULD I BE HEARD.



My Commission Expires
August 10, 2020

SINCERELY;

Brenda Harmon
BRENDA G. HARMON/PRO SE

9-29-14

c.c. Courts, Richland County

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

COUNTY OF RICHLAND

CASE NO. 2014CP4002507

BRENDA G. HARMON

PLEA

PLAINTIFF

VS.

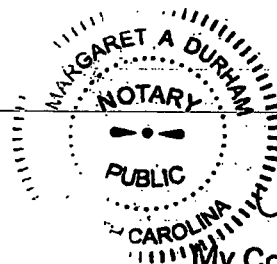
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DEFENDANT

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I, BRENDA G. HARMON PLEA TO THE COURTS, TO PROVIDE PLAINTIFF WITH A COURT DATE, AS WELL AS START THE PROCESS OF SELECTING A JURY. IN ANY COURT, I THE NAMED PLAINTIFF HAVE THE RIGHT TO RECEIVE JUSTICE FROM THE ATROSITIES THAT WAS INFLICTED ON MY BEING. OVER THE LAST THREE YEARS, FIVE MONTHS, PLUS, I HAVE SUFFERED FROM WHAT WAS PRESSED ON ME. IT WAS DIAGNOSED AS BEING CHRONIIC, WHICH MEANS THERE IS LITTLE CHANCE OF ME LIVING IN THIS WORLD WITHOUT PAIN. MY GUMS ARE SORE AND TENDER AND REFUSING TO HEAL. THE SHAKING, THAT OCCURS WITHOUT WARNING ON THE RIGHT SIDE/SHOULDER, THROUGH THE HANDS. I PLEA TO THE COURTS, TO PROVIDE THE PLAINTIFF WITH A GIVEN DATE SO THAT PLAINTIFF CAN NOTIFY OTHER MEDICAL STAFF THAT DIAGNOSED PLAINTIFF, AND IS ALSO LICENSED BY THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA. MEDICAL STAFF THAT CONCLUDES THE SAME FINDINGS THAT THE NEUROLOGIST FOUND, SO THEY MAY BE ABLE TO PREPARE THEMSELVES FOR TRIAL / TESTIFY.

I AM ALSO ENCLOSING A TWO PRINT OUTS FROM GREGG W. MCKENZIE, D.D.S., RECORDS OF DATA, WRITTEN AND SIGNED BY HIM, WHO IS A FRIEND OF THE DEFENDANT. AS WELL AS A PARTICIPANT IN BLAME.



My Commission Expires
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BRENDA G. HARMON/PLAINTIFF

MONDAY / 9-29-2014.

cc.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

COUNTY OF RICHLAND)

CASE NO: 2014-CP-40-2507

Brenda G. Harmon,)

Plaintiff,)

v.)

Joel E. Johnson, D.M.D.,)

Defendant.)

**DEFENDANT'S NOTICE OF MOTION
AND MOTION TO DISMISS**

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TO: BRENDA G. HARMON, *PRO SE* PLAINTIFF:

YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Rule 12 of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure, Defendant, by and through his undersigned counsel, hereby moves this Court to dismiss the Complaint in this matter. Said Motion will be heard within ten (10) days after service hereof, or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, before the Presiding Judge for the Court of Common Pleas of which you will be notified.

As grounds for this Motion, Defendant would show that the Complaint is insufficient and fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted pursuant to SCRCP 12(b)4 and 12(b)(6) in that it fails to comply with the requirements of The South Carolina Medical Malpractice Act, S.C. Code § 15-79-110, et. seq. Specifically, the Complaint purports to set forth a cause of action for medical malpractice, but the Plaintiff has failed to file a Notice of Intent to File Suit along with an expert affidavit prior to filing the Complaint as mandated by S.C. Code §15-79-125 entitled "The Prerequisites to Filing suit in a Medical Malpractice Action." The statute requires:

Prior to filing or initiating a civil action alleging injury or death as a result of medical malpractice, the plaintiff shall contemporaneously file a Notice of Intent to File Suit and ~~an affidavit of an expert witness, subject to the affidavit requirements established in §15-36-100.~~

S.C. Code §15-79-125(A). The statute further requires a mandatory pre-litigation mediation conference to be held from ninety to one hundred twenty days from filing the Notice of Intent, (S.C. Code §15-79-125(C)), and allows a Plaintiff to file a summons and complaint only after the mediator determines "that the mediation is not viable, that an impasse exists, or that the mediation should end." S.C. Code §15-79-125(E)(1).

The Complaint should be dismissed as it fails to comply with each of these provisions of the statute. Plaintiff failed to file and serve a Notice of Intent and expert affidavit prior to filing the Summons and Complaint, and the parties did not participate in the mandatory pre-litigation mediation whereby the parties could attempt to resolve this matter or a mediator could certify that mediation is not viable, that an impasse exists or that the mediation should end.

Additionally, the Complaint further fails to set forth facts sufficient to constitute a cause of action against the Defendant and should be dismissed in that Plaintiff has failed to comply with the requirements of Section 15-36-100, Code of Laws of South Carolina (1976, as amended), the South Carolina Frivolous Civil Proceedings Sanctions Act, in failing to file an Affidavit of an expert witness along with the Complaint. Such expert must testify as to the existence of an act or omission by the Defendant claimed to be in violation of the appropriate standard of care.

The South Carolina Supreme Court recently clarified the Notice of Intent and expert affidavit requirements in *Ranucci v. Crain*.¹ The Supreme Court held that the intention of South Carolina Code Annotated 15-36-100 was to promote tort reform and make the adjudication of professional negligence cases more efficient. To that end, a Plaintiff must file an affidavit of an expert witness along with a Notice of Intent to file suit. If the statute of limitations will expire within 10 days, the Plaintiff has an additional 45 days after the filing of the summons and complaint to procure an affidavit.²

Plaintiff claims that Dr. Johnson acted negligently in the placement of a crown on her tooth on or about April 26, 2011. The statute of limitations on that claim should then run on April 27, 2014. Plaintiff filed her summons and complaint on April 17, 2014, without an expert affidavit. Assuming that Plaintiff desires to take advantage of the statutory provision extending her time to file an affidavit because of the running of the statute of limitations, Plaintiff would have had to file an expert affidavit no later than 45 days from the filing of the summons and complaint, which is June 8, 2014. To date, Plaintiff has not filed an expert affidavit.

Additionally, Plaintiff was served interrogatories and requests to produce on August 12, 2014. The interrogatories requested information on any potential expert witnesses. To date, those discovery requests have not been answered.

Finally, the Complaint should also be dismissed pursuant to SCRCP 12(b)(5) in that it was not properly served on Defendant.

¹ 2014 WL 3610956. (Copy attached.)

² South Carolina Code Annotated Section 15-36-100 (C)(1).

Because the Plaintiff failed to comply with both S.C. Code Ann. §15-79-125 and S.C. Code Ann. §15-36-100 and has failed to properly serve the Defendant, the Complaint should be dismissed.



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September 23, 2014

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

COUNTY OF RICHLAND

CASE NO. 2014CP4002507

BRENDA G. HARMON

WILLFUL DISRESPECT & DISREGARD

PLAINTIFF

FOR THIS CASE AND TIME TO REPLY.

V.

DEFAULT

JOEL E. JOHNSON, DMD

DEFENDANT

I, the above named plaintiff have waited patiently for a reply to last document sent to representation and have yet to receive a reply from the defendant and his representation. What was sent to the plaintiff, was a letter of denial by the defendant and informed plaintiff ~~not~~ ^{that she was} entitle to receive monies for damages she acquired from the defendant. Also, request of information was asked concerning my family, which I failed to see the connection, considering nothing was done to my mother or sibling by the defendant. Question was also asked, who was I plan on calling to the witness-stand, and what I am planning on asking. This case can be seen more than heard. The infection and other atrocities can be easily seen.

For the every-day suffering that I endure because of the Lack of Care provided by the named defendant. For compensatory damages, I request 2,000,000.00, and the sum of 6,000,000.00, in punitive.

Sincerely

Brenda G. Harmon
B.G.

Enclosure

cc. Honorable Jeannette McBridge
McKay, Cauden, Settanta & Stubbley

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF RICHLAND

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
FOR THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
CASE NO: 2014-CP-40-02507

Brenda G. Harmon,

Plaintiff,

v.

Joel E. Johnson, D.M.D.,

Defendant.

ORDER OF DISMISSAL

2015 JAN -6 PM 4:18
FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
C.P. 2014-02507

This matter came before me on January 6, 2015 at 9:30 am during the Common Pleas Non-Jury Term of Court in Richland County. Plaintiff represented herself pro se, and Dr. Johnson was represented by Kelli Sullivan Esq.

The Plaintiff filed her Complaint on April 17, 2014, less than ten (10) days before the statute of limitations was to expire. Plaintiff's Complaint did not include an affidavit by an expert witness detailing any breach of the standard of care by Dr. Johnson.

Defendant Johnson filed a Motion to Dismiss alleging that this matter should be dismissed under SCRPC 12(b)(6) due to Plaintiff's failure to provide an affidavit of an expert witness as is required by South Carolina Code Annotated § 15-36-100.

After hearing argument on the issues, I find that Plaintiff has failed to produce an expert witness affidavit supporting her Complaint as is required by South Carolina Code Annotated § 15-36-100.

THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED that Plaintiff's Complaint is dismissed with prejudice.



DeAndrea G. Benjamin
Fifth Judicial Circuit

Columbia, South Carolina
January 10, 2015.

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September 23, 2014

VIA HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Jeanette McBride
Richland County Clerk of Court
1701 Main Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Re: Brenda G. Harmon v. Joel E. Johnson, DMD
Case No: 14-CP-40-2507
Our File No: 390-436

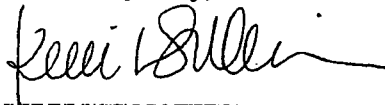
Dear Ms. McBride:

Attached are the original and one copy of **DEFENDANT'S NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION TO DISMISS**. Also enclosed are the Motion Cover Sheet and our check in the amount of \$25.00 to cover the filing fee. Please file the original and return the clocked copy to me in the enclosed envelope.

By copy of this letter, I am serving all the *pro se* Plaintiff with the same.

With kind regards, I am

Yours very truly,



Kelli L. Sullivan

KLS/cma
Attachments

cc: Ms. Brenda G. Harmon

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
COUNTY OF RICHLAND)

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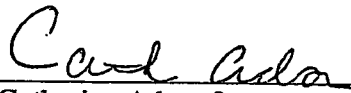
Defendant.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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JEANNETTE W. MCBRIDE
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The undersigned hereby certifies that on September 23, 2014, a copy of the foregoing
Defendant's Notice of Motion and Motion to Dismiss was duly served on opposing counsel by
depositing same in the United States Mail, first-class, postage prepaid, addressed as follows:

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FORM 4

JUDGMENT IN A CIVIL CASE

CASE NUMBER: 2014-CP-40-02507

Brenda G. Harmon

Joel E. Johnson, D.M.D.

PLAINTIFF

DEFENDANT

Submitted by: _____

Attorney for : ☐ Plaintiff ☐ Defendant or ☐ Self-Represented Litigant

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NOTE: ATTORNEYS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR NOTIFYING LOWER COURT, TRIBUNAL, OR ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY OF THE CIRCUIT COURT RULING IN THIS APPEAL.

IT IS ORDERED AND ADJUDGED: ☒ See attached order (formal order to follow) ☐ Statement of Judgment by the Court:

ORDER INFORMATION

This order ☒ ends ☐ does not end the case.

Additional Information for the Clerk :

Plaintiff's Motion for Default Judgment was heard before the Court during the non-jury common pleas term in Richland County on January 6, 2015 at 9:30 am. The Court denied Plaintiff's Motion for Default Judgment. By consent of the Plaintiff, Defendant's Motion to Dismiss was also heard before the Court. The Court granted Defendant's Motion to Dismiss with Prejudice.

INFORMATION FOR THE PUBLIC INDEX

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Circuit Court Judge WJB

Judge Code 2161

Date 1-6-15

For Clerk of Court Office Use Only

This judgment was entered on the _____ day of _____, 20____ and a copy mailed first class or placed in the appropriate attorney's box on this 8 day of Jan, 2015 to attorneys of record or to parties (when appearing pro se) as follows:

Brenda G. Harmon

APPEARING PRO SE, FOR THE PLAINTIFF

Kelli Sullivan

ATTORNEY FOR THE DEFENDANT(S)

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Clerk of Court Jeanette W. McBride

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
FOR THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

COUNTY OF RICHLAND)

CASE NO: 2014-CP-40-02507

Brenda G. Harmon,

Plaintiff,

v.

Joel E. Johnson, D.M.D.,

Defendant.

**ORDER DENYING PLAINTIFF'S
MOTION FOR DEFAULT JUDGMENT**

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CLERK OF COURT
FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

This matter came before me upon Plaintiff's Motion for Default filed on November 10, 2014. A hearing was held before me on January 6, 2015 at 9:30 am during the Common Pleas Non-Jury Term of Court in Richland County at which Plaintiff represented herself pro se, and Dr. Johnson was represented by Kelli Sullivan, Esq.

Plaintiff's Complaint was originally filed on April 17, 2014, and served on the Defendant May 22, 2014. Defendant filed a Motion to Dismiss on May 30, 2014. That Motion to Dismiss was denied with leave to re-file by Judge Alison Lee on August 11, 2014. Defendant then filed an Answer on August 12, 2014, and a second Motion to Dismiss on September 23, 2014.

Plaintiff claims that Defendant never filed a timely Answer in the case; however, there is an Answer in the Court's file, as well as a Certificate of Service noting that the Answer was served on the Plaintiff at her last known address. I find that the Defendant timely answered the Complaint in this case.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Plaintiff's Motion for a Default Judgment is DENIED.



Hon. DeAndrea G. Benjamin
Fifth Judicial Circuit

Columbia, South Carolina
January 6, 2015.

THE STATE SOUTH CAROLINA COURT

In The Court of Appeals

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C/O Kelli Sullivan

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Re: Brenda G. Harmon v. Joel E. Johnson, DMD

Appellant Case No. 2015-000061

Dear Attorney Sullivan:

Enclose is a copy of the Final Brief/2nd Designation of Matter, and served included in the Record of Appeal which is filed with the Courts on the above date. It is delivered to you by way of the South Carolina Sheriff Department.

Respectfully
Brenda Harmon
June 1, 2015



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Re: Brenda Harmon v. Joel Johnson
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COPY

Dear Counsel and Ms. Harmon:

All parties are advised that the originals of all records on appeal and final briefs filed with the appellate courts are scanned. Therefore, in accordance with the May 1, 2008 Amendments to the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules, DO NOT staple, spiral bind, velobind, or otherwise permanently bind the ORIGINALS of these documents. The original brief(s) and record on appeal should still have front and back covers in compliance with Rule 267(e) of the South Carolina Appellate

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We suggest that large parcels such as copies of final briefs and the record on appeal be sent directly to the Court via the street address: 1220 Senate Street, Columbia, S.C. 29201. Thank you for your attention to this.

According to our records, the correct caption for this appeal should read as follows on the record on appeal and all final briefs:

Brenda G. Harmon, Appellant,

v.

Joel E. Johnson, D.M.D., Respondent.

Furthermore, the Court anticipates that the attorney information for all attorneys receiving a copy of this letter will appear on the cover of the record on appeal. The attorney information for the party submitting the brief should appear on the final briefs.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Very truly yours,

V. Claire Allen, Deputy

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Re: Brenda Harmon v. Joel Johnson
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Dear Ms. Harmon:

Upon reviewing your initial reply brief, the following deficiency or deficiencies have been noted under the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules (SCACR), and any deficiency must be corrected within ten (10) days of the date of this letter or your case will be dismissed:

- The accompanying proof of service is not in compliance with the SCACR. Your proof of service should be substantially in the format shown by Form 7 in Appendix C to part II of the SCACR. You have provided what appears to be a copy of a letter sent to the respondent's attorney. Instead, please provide a proof of service as referenced above.
- The caption/title does not comply with Rule 267(a), SCACR. Specifically, the document you provided would be called the initial reply brief.
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Very truly yours,

V. Claire Allen, Deputy

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cc: Kelli Lister Sullivan, Esquire
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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
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CASE NUMBER: 2014CP4002507Brenda HarmonJoel Johnson

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IT IS ORDERED AND ADJUDGED: ☐ See attached order (formal order to follow) ☒ Statement of Judgment by the Court:

ORDER INFORMATION

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May 2, 2011

Via fax: 788-2554

Dr. Joel Johnson
9 Office Park Court
Columbia, SC 29223

Re: Brenda Harmon

Dear Joel:

I saw Mrs. Harmon on April 29th for emergency evaluation relative to #7.
Please evaluate and let's resolve this matter as quickly as possible in the best possible way. Her symptoms point to a fracture, but I did not note one on the radiograph.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,



Gregg W. McKenzie, D.D.S.

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June 10, 2011

Via fax: 788-2554

Dr. Joel Johnson
9 Office Park Court
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Re: Brenda Harmon

Dear Joel:

I saw Mrs. Harmon on June 8th for evaluation. There is clinical and radiographic evidence of endodontic involvement on #8. I have referred her to Dr. Trent Gillespie for care.

I indicated that an implant is needed in position #7. This area will require bone graft prior to implant placement. At this point, she is only interested in pursuing the root canal therapy on #8, and will revisit the implant issue with #7 at a later date.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,



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2 THE COURT: All right. Ms. Sullivan, are you ready?

3 MS. SULLIVAN: Yes, ma'am.

4 THE COURT: All right. Ms. Harmon.

5 MS. HARMON: Yes.

6 THE COURT: All right. Before we get started, all
7 right, this is a Motion for Default Judgment filed by the
8 plaintiff, Ms. Harmon. This is case number
9 2014-CP-40-2507. The case is Brenda Harmon versus Joel
10 Johnson. This is a -- Ms. Harmon is represented -- is pro
11 se and Joel Johnson is represented by Ms. Kelli Sullivan.

12 All right. Let's see -- All right, the motion that we
13 have is a Motion for Default.

14 Is that correct, Ms. Harmon?

15 MS. HARMON: Yes, ma'am.

16 THE COURT: All right, and then there is another motion
17 that was filed.

18 MS. SULLIVAN: It's defendant's Motion to Dismiss, Your
19 Honor.

20 THE COURT: All right. Defendant has a Motion to
21 Dismiss.

22 Ma'am, you have any objection to us hearing this today?

23 MS. HARMON: No, ma'am.

24 THE COURT: All right. You understand you have the
25 right to have notice of today's hearing.

1 MS. HARMON: I understand.

2 THE COURT: All right. You want to go forward?

3 MS. HARMON: Yes, ma'am.

4 THE COURT: All right. And you've been served with a
5 copy of the motion; is that correct?

6 MS. HARMON: Yes, Your Honor.

7 THE COURT: Okay. All right. I'll be glad to hear
8 from you.

9 MS. HARMON: I went to Dr. Joel dentist to have four
10 crowns put in my mouth. The initial proceedings he did very
11 well. He told me that he would notify me when the crowns
12 come in. When the crowns came in I went back to him. It
13 was -- make sure I get the correct date --

14 THE COURT: Let me ask you this, this is a Motion for
15 Default Judgment?

16 MS. HARMON: Yes, ma'am.

17 THE COURT: All right.

18 MS. HARMON: The reason I asked for default judgment is
19 because the last time we appeared in court they didn't show,
20 nobody showed up.

21 THE COURT: Did they answer the Complaint?

22 MS. HARMON: No, ma'am.

23 THE COURT: There is an Answer in here. When did you
24 serve them? Did they timely answer the Complaint?

25 MS. SULLIVAN: I have the date handy if that would

1 help?

2 THE COURT: Okay. It looks like there's an Answer in
3 her file, August 12, 2014. Now, I'm trying to see when she
4 --

5 MS. SULLIVAN: Your Honor, the Summons and Complaint
6 was filed April of 2014 and was served the end of May, 2014.
7 There was a Motion to Dismiss, a previous Motion to Dismiss
8 that is filed in May, 2014. There was a hearing on that
9 motion that we were never notified of so we didn't attend.
10 Judge Lee dismissed our original Motion to Dismiss with
11 leave to re-file. Contemporaneous with that is our Answer
12 and then a second Motion to Dismiss.

13 So that's kind of the general order of things.

14 MS. HARMON: Ma'am, I have receipts where I went to the
15 post office and mailed anything pertaining to this case that
16 they needed to know.

17 THE COURT: Well, a Motion for Default means that they
18 did not answer the Complaint.

19 MS. HARMON: They didn't.

20 THE COURT: There is one in the file.

where !!

21 MS. HARMON: Well, maybe they filed it later. They
22 didn't answer in a timely manner.

23 THE COURT: All right. Yes, ma'am.

24 MS. SULLIVAN: Your Honor, the original Complaint that
25 was filed at the end of May -- served May 22, 2014, was

1 answered by a general denial and Motion to Dismiss filed May
2 30.

3 MS. HARMON: Okay.

4 MS. SULLIVAN: That was then scheduled for a hearing in
5 August that we didn't get notice of. We found out later
6 that same day that the hearing had occurred, we then filed
7 an answer. Our original Motion to Dismiss was dismissed on
8 August 15, but we had already filed our answer on August 12.
9 So all of the allegations in this case have been timely
10 answered at one time or another, either the original Motion
11 to Dismiss or the subsequent general denial Answer.

12 THE COURT: All right. I see on May 30 --

13 MS. SULLIVAN: That's our first Motion to Dismiss.

14 THE COURT: Yes, ma'am.

15 MS. SULLIVAN: Our first Motion to Dismiss, we had some
16 scheduling problems with that August hearing date. Our
17 office was not notified of that hearing so we did not know
18 to be here.

19 THE COURT: All right. Is that the one with Judge Lee?

20 MS. SULLIVAN: Judge Lee dismissed our Motion to
21 Dismiss with leave to re-file and contemporaneous with that,
22 basically the same day, I filed an answer in the case.

23 MS. HARMON: Ma'am, Judge, Your Honor, I didn't receive
24 it.

25 THE COURT: Okay.

1 MS. SULLIVAN: I have a certificate of service, Your
2 Honor.

3 MS. HARMON: In a timely manner, I did not receive it.

4 THE COURT: All right. Well, it was filed with the
5 Court.

6 Let me see your certificate of service.

7 MS. SULLIVAN: Yes, ma'am. May I approach, Your Honor?

8 THE COURT: Yes.

9 MS. SULLIVAN: My original file copy. Here's the
10 Answer, here's the certificate of service that was stamped
11 by the clerk.

12 THE COURT: Now, she's saying in May you filed --

13 MS. SULLIVAN: I thought she said she didn't have the
14 Answer.

15 THE COURT: From May, which is --

16 MS. SULLIVAN: Well, there was a Motion to Dismiss --

17 THE COURT: -- Yeah, in 30 days. Okay.

18 MS. SULLIVAN: Do you need to see that, too?

19 THE COURT: No, it's in here, in the file.

20 MS. SULLIVAN: Oh. Okay.

21 THE COURT: Okay. Here you go.

22 I do have a copy of the certificate of service where
23 the Answer was filed.

24 When was the Motion for Default Judgment filed?

25 MS. SULLIVAN: Oh, that was recently.

1 MS. HARMON: December -- let me see. Motion to
2 Dismiss?

3 MS. SULLIVAN: No, ma'am. Motion to Default.

4 MS. HARMON: Motion to Default?

5 THE COURT: Yeah, I have it. That was November 10,
6 2014.

7 MS. SULLIVAN: Yes, ma'am, just recently.

8 THE COURT: Ma'am, they had already filed a Motion to
9 May 30 to Dismiss, looks like they filed an Answer on August
10 12, according to this filing and then the certificate of
11 service is also in the file. And they -- where they mailed
12 it to you, and then you filed an Affidavit of Default on
13 November 10, but by that time an Answer, a Motion to Dismiss
14 had been filed and also an Answer had been filed, but I'll
15 be glad to hear from you.

16 MS. HARMON: Judge, Your Honor, the grounds that they
17 have to dismiss, there is no grounds.

18 THE COURT: All right. Let me hear from you first -- I
19 want to hear from you first regarding your Motion for
20 Default.

21 MS. HARMON: Well, the Motion for Default is I didn't
22 receive it in a timely manner. They can say what they want
23 to say. I didn't receive it.

24 THE COURT: Okay.

25 MS. HARMON: If they filed it, I don't know.

1 THE COURT: Okay.

2 MS. HARMON: But it wasn't sent to me.

3 THE COURT: All right.

4 MS. HARMON: If -- if they felt that it was so
5 important that they had -- I would have went to the person's
6 house and gave it to them. You can't deny on that term.

7 THE COURT: Okay. All right.

8 MS. HARMON: As for dismiss --

9 THE COURT: Hold on. Let me get -- Yes, ma'am, any
10 response to the Motion to Default other than the date that I
11 set forth?

12 Put next + MS. SULLIVAN: Your Honor, We're under no obligation to
13 send these things certified mail. We sent it regular mail
14 to the address that Ms. Harmon has been using. I have a
15 clocked certificate of service for the Answer and the
16 various motions that were served. In addition, her Motion
17 for Default was filed well after all of my other motions.
18 So on those grounds, Your Honor, I think we are well with
19 our timely answering requirements.

20 THE COURT: All right. So the Motion to -- for Default
21 Judgment is -- The Motion for Default Judgment is denied. I
22 find that the Complaint was filed April 17, 2014, and an
23 Answer was filed -- I don't have a certificate of service
24 saying when she was served. The Answer was filed on May --
25 the Motion to Dismiss was filed on May 30, 2014. An Answer

1 was filed August 12, 2014, and then this Affidavit of
2 Default was filed November 10, about three months after they
3 had already filed the Answer.

4 So I find that the defendant is not in default, that a
5 proper Answer has been filed, timely filed, so therefore I
6 will deny the Motion for Default judgement.

7 All right. Now, the next motion is --

8 MS. SULLIVAN: My motion.

9 THE COURT: Yes, ma'am.

10 Let me hear from her and then you can respond, okay.

11 MS. HARMON: Uh-huh. (Affirmative response.)

12 MS. SULLIVAN: Your Honor, this is an alleged dental
13 malpractice case. What I've been able to kind of piece
14 together from the Summons and Complaint and various things
15 that have been filed was that Joel Johnson, a dentist here
16 in South Carolina, did some work for Ms. Harmon that
17 included some crowns on her teeth, and that she is alleging
18 some kind of damage resulting thereof, maybe breaking bones
19 and significant nerve damage. I'm not quite sure exactly
20 what she's alleging, but the bottom line is Dr. Johnson did
21 *right* this work April 26, 2011. Therefore the statute of
22 limitations would run more or less April 27, 2014, a three
23 year statute of limitations. This Summons and Complain was
24 filed April 17, 2014. so basically 10 days short of the
25 statute. The Summons and Complaint -- there was no Notice

1 of Intent filed as is required by the Medical Malpractice
2 Act. There wasn't a disclosure of any expert witness
3 contemporaneous with the filing. There was no expert
4 witness affidavit. All of that was -- I'm sure you're
5 familiar, Your Honor, with the Renetche (sp) verses Crane
6 case that has come up and down. I have a copy if you need
7 it, but essentially what Renetche (sp) held was it was the
8 way you read the expert witness affidavit statute, but the
9 bottom line of Renetche (sp) even after it went up to the
10 Supreme Court was if the statute of limitations was run
11 within 10 days when the plaintiff filed her Notice of Intent
12 they can get an extra 45 days to file their expert witness
13 affidavit. That's kind of the upshot.

14 So if you do the math, then assuming that the statute
15 -- that she filed her Summons and Complaint on April 17,
16 2014, 45 days after that is June 8, 2014. So that's an
17 additional 45 days. I have never seen an expert witness
18 affidavit in this case accompanying the Summons and Complain
19 -- I'm sorry, accompanying the Answer that was filed in
20 August, with discovery sent to Ms. Harmon which we have not
21 gotten an answer to, asking for any expert witness
22 affidavit. I have not received any information about the
23 expert witness. Ms. Harmon did hand me, a moment ago, what
24 looks to be a prescription from a Dr. Bahadori,
25 B-a-h-a-d-o-r-I, and a letter from Dr. Bahadori dated

1 January 2, 2015, that attributes her condition of trigeminal
2 neuralgia to a fractured bone. However, he does not define
3 any breach of any standard of care, any causation, any of
4 the elements of medical malpractice or dental malpractice on
5 the part of anyone. I will note that Dr. Bahadori appears
6 to be a neurologist, not a dentist.

7 So to the extent that Ms. Harmon is trying to claim
8 that this is some type of expert witness affidavit that gets
9 her over the requirements of 15-36-100, I would say, first
10 of all, it's six-plus months after she was required to have
11 done this, under 15-36-100, and it does not set forth any
12 violations of the standard of care on the part of Dr.
13 Johnson, nor am I even sure that a neurologist can opine on
14 the standard of care of a dentist in placing crowns.

15 Therefore, Your Honor, since the plaintiff has failed
16 to meet her burden under 15-36-100, of providing an expert
17 witness affidavit within 45 days of the filing of her
18 Summons and Complaint, I ask that this matter be dismissed
19 with prejudice.

20 THE COURT: All right.

21 Yes, ma'am. Your turn.

22 MS. HARMON: I -- as she stated, I went to see Dr. Joel
23 Johnson on April 27, which he had already taken out the
24 teeth to insert the crowns. At the time when he was working
25 on me something snapped in my mouth, and he -- we heard it

1 because there was a student there and he heard it as well,
2 and Dr. Joel Johnson asked me did that hurt. I told him,
3 yeah, that hurt, but the prior tooth on that same day, Dr.
4 Joel Johnson kept leaving me in the chair, coming back with
5 breath mint as if he was drinking and yes he did damage that
6 day.

7 So my face swoll and I kept trying to get in contact
8 with him, which he was closed at that time on Friday. So
9 they told me to come in Monday. In the meantime, my face
10 had enlarged, my throat, everything was hurting. I went
11 back to Dr. Joel Johnson, he gave me a shot. He gave me
12 like eight shots in the face and sent me home. I stayed
13 high the whole time I was under Joel Johnson, so I went to
14 another doctor which I knew was a friend of his. And that
15 one, he told me the bones was broken. The paper right there
16 I just hand her. It was on that paper as well.

17 THE COURT: Ma'am, do you have an affidavit from -- do
18 you have an affidavit from a doctor --

19 MS. HARMON: I have one --

20 THE COURT: -- a sworn affidavit from a doctor alleging
21 that Dr. Johnson committed malpractice?

22 MS. HARMON: Well, I have -- can I approach the bench
23 -- medical records.

24 (Documents passed to the Court through the bailiff.)

25 THE COURT: Do you have an affidavit?

1 MS. HARMON: I don't have an affidavit. I have medical
2 records.

3 THE COURT: All right. Ma'am, the statute -- I have the
4 medical records. I see your medical records. We have to
5 have an affidavit from -- you have to have an affidavit,
6 when you file your Complaint, from a medical professional or
7 doctor stating that the other doctor committed malpractice.
8 Without that the case cannot go forward. The statute says
9 you have to have it. You didn't have to have it maybe six,
10 seven years ago. They changed it, but you have to have it
11 now in order to file a Complaint in the state for medical --
12 for professional malpractice. Anytime malpractice, you have
13 to have an affidavit sworn and notarized by a notary by a
14 medical professional stating that the doctor breached the
15 standard of care or committed malpractice.

16 Do you have anything like that?

17 MS. HARMON: I have what you have and what I just gave
18 him earlier.

19 THE COURT: All right. And that's -- there is no
20 affidavit in there.

21 MS. HARMON: There is no affidavit but are you saying
22 it's too late for me to get an affidavit?

23 THE COURT: Yes, ma'am. Because you were supposed to
24 have it within 45 days. It's supposed to be normally filed
25 with the Complaint and because of the statute time, you had

1 45 days to get it which would have been in June after you
2 filed it. So it's too late to have it, to get one at this
3 point. So unfortunately I'm going to have to grant the
4 Motion to Dismiss unless you can produce an affidavit today
5 because the statute says that you have to have it.

6 MS. HARMON: I don't have one today.

7 THE COURT: Well, you would have had to file it back
8 last summer.

9 All right.

10 MS. HARMON: Well, according --

11 MR. HARMON: Excuse me.

12 THE COURT: Who are you, sir?

13 MR. HARMON: I'm her --

14 MS. HARMON: He's my husband.

15 MR. HARMON: That's my wife.

16 THE COURT: All right. You can't speak, sir, unless
17 you're a lawyer. You can't speak on her behalf.

18 MR. HARMON: I can't?

19 THE COURT: They changed the statute and added that in
20 there, but it's a must have. The cases that have gone up to
21 the Court, it's a must have.

22 MS. HARMON: I don't have a statute.

23 THE COURT: An affidavit, you mean?

24 MS. HARMON: I don't have an affidavit. I'm sorry. I
25 don't have an affidavit.

1 THE COURT: Well, all right. All right. that's what
2 I'm going to have to do.

3 MS. SULLIVAN: You need an order, Your Honor, or you've
4 got one?

5 THE COURT: You send me an order, too, and then I'll do
6 a Form Four, also.

7 MS. HARMON: Are you saying the case is closed?

8 THE COURT: I'm going to have to grant the Motion to
9 Dismiss, ma'am. You don't have the affidavit, and I think
10 even in their interrogatories they asked for the affidavit.
11 I saw in here somewhere something about an affidavit,
12 acknowledging that you needed to have one. But the case
13 can't go forward without the affidavit.

14 MS. HARMON: Ma'am, Judge, we looking at murder here.

15 THE COURT: Ma'am.

16 MS. HARMON: No matter how you look at it that's
17 murder.

18 THE COURT: All right.

19 MS. HARMON: This man have derogatory my body.

20 THE COURT: I understand, ma'am.

21 MS. HARMON: That's murder. He's a doctor, he's
22 licensed to do -- and drinking on behalf of that.

23 THE COURT: I understand, ma'am, but I -- you have to
24 have the affidavit. I don't have -- I didn't write the
25 statute. I just have to follow the statute. I have to

1 follow it, you have to follow it, Ms. Sullivan has to follow
2 it. I didn't write the statute. You have to have an
3 affidavit. That's what the law says that you have to have
4 an affidavit from a medical professional stating -- a sworn
5 affidavit stating that he breached some standard of care and
6 committed medical malpractice. If you don't -- if you don't
7 like the statute all I can do it tell you to talk to your
8 representative about it, but that's who wrote it, those
9 people down at the state house. That is the law of this
10 state that you have the affidavit.

11 All right. Thank you.

12 MS. SULLIVAN: Your Honor, would you prefer an email
13 order?

14 THE COURT: To my law clerk.

15 MS. SULLIVAN: Is Word okay?

16 THE COURT: That's fine.

17 All right.

18 MR. HARMON: Can I say something. She's going to be put
19 in the hospital.

20 THE COURT: I'm sorry, sir. I didn't write the statute.
21 Y'all need to talk to your legislators about it. They wrote
22 it. Plaintiff's attorneys weren't happy about it, lot of
23 people weren't happy about it, but that's what they did.

24 MR. HARMON: That's not right.

25 (This proceeding was concluded.)

C-E-R-T-I-F-I-C-A-T-E

I, THE UNDERSIGNED HILDA M. JORDAN, CVR-M, OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER FOR THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE, ACCURATE AND COMPLETE TRANSCRIPT OF RECORD OF THE MOTION HEARING IN THE CAPTIONED CAUSE, IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR RICHLAND COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, ON THE 6 DAY OF JANUARY, 2015.

I DO FURTHER CERTIFY THAT I AM NEITHER OF KIN, COUNSEL, NOR INTEREST IN ANY PARTY HERETO.

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Patient Name: Brenda G Harmon**Visit Date: 05/13/2014****Status: Complete.****Visit Last Changed: 08/06/2014 11:03 AM****CC / HPI:**

It was a pleasure to see Mrs. Harmon for her facial discomfort. She is a very pleasant 61 year old female with the problem that started 3 years ago. She said she had dental work and they corrected her upper jaw and she had a crown placed that broke the next day. She went back and the dentist tried to fix it and later she developed facial swelling. She saw another dentist that told her she has upper jaw fracture and gait gingival flap twice. She seen a third dentist that treated her with drilling and again she developed facial swelling. She went back to the second dentist and had another gingival flap. She said it seems that since all this dental work she has had shooting pain from her upper lip and jaw to her nose and right eye and back to her upper jaw. She said the pain is triggered by cold drink, chewing and eating. She said the pain lasts long and has intense aching and sometimes sharp pain. She said the pain is 7/10. She did not try pain medication for this. She did not have this problem before dental work.

Current Medication:

Crestor oral

Metaglip oral

Carbatrol 200 mg capsule, extended release, 1 Capsule(s), PO, BID, 30 days, 2 refills, for a total of 60, start on May 13, 2014, end on August 10, 2014 and week 1-2 take 1 pill PO daily, from week 3 take 1 pill PO BID. 05/13/2014 JMS.

Onglyza oral

Review of history:

I reviewed the documented family, social and medication histories.

ROS:

Musculoskeletal: The patient complained of **neck pain, muscle pain, thoracic spine pain, shooting Pain, weakness, numbness, tingling, burning sensation, ankle swelling, jerk, spasm/cramp, myalgia, twitching and myoclonus** but denied back pain.

VITAL SIGNS:**Weight:** 172 lbs**Height:** 5' 5"**BMI:** 28.622**HR:** 100 bpm**BP:** 150/88 mmHg**PE:**

Physical Examination:

Vitals: Reviewed from this visit.

General: Pt is alert, oriented x 4, and in no acute distress.

HEENT: Oral cavity clear, sclera clear.

Neck: No carotid bruits bilaterally.

Heart: Regular rate and rhythm..
Lungs: Clear to auscultation b/L.
Extremities: No edema.

Neurological Examination:

Mental status: alert, oriented, speech fluent.

Cranial nerves II-XII grossly intact. Pupil equal round reactive to light, extraocular muscle intact, optic disc sharp bilaterally, visual field intact in both eyes. face symmetric, tongue midline, sensation on the face intact.

Motor: Normal tone/bulk/strength in all 4 extremities.

Coordination: Finger-to-nose intact.

DTRs: Symmetric and 1+ throughout..

Sensation: Intact to all modalities.

Gait: Normal.

Dx:

TRIGEMINAL NEURALGIA

Neuritis

Rx:

Services Performed:

99244 CONSULT COMPREHENSIVE, MODERATE COMPLEXITY

Plan:

Trigeminal neuritis, facial pain. Patient developed facial pain in territory of trigeminal nerve after several dental work that was done on her upper jaw. Triggering factor for her pain are suggestive of trigeminal neuralgia. Her neurological exam was unremarkable. I would consider MRI of the brain with contrast for further evaluation of her symptom. I will start her on Carbatrol ER 200 mg p.o. daily and after 2 weeks increase it to b.i.d. Side effects including nausea, sleepiness, double vision discussed. I talked to her about the skin rash and in that case I want her to stop the medication. I reviewed refer her to ENT for their input on the possible cause of her symptoms.

c.c.Dr. E. Murphy,

A return visit is indicated in 6 weeks.

Patient History As Of This Visit

Medication History:

Carbatrol 200 mg capsule, extended release, 1 Capsule(s), PO, BID and 30 days. Active

Crestor oral Active

Metaglip oral Active

Neurontin 100 mg capsule, 4 Capsule(s), PO, SEE COMMENTS and 30 days. Active

Onglyza oral Active

Neurontin 100 mg capsule, 4 Capsule(s), PO, SEE COMMENTS and 30 days. Inactive

Problem History:

Neuritis Onset: 5/13/2014 Status: Active

TRIGEMINAL NEURALGIA Onset: 5/13/2014 Status: Active

Family History:

Relationship: Mother Recorded Date: May 13, 2014 Notes: 11/12/2013

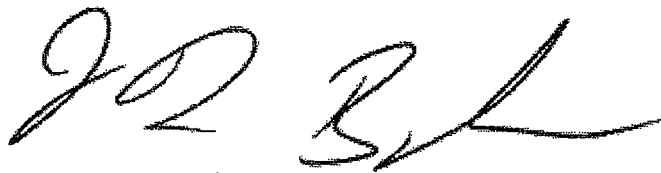
Relationship: Father Recorded Date: May 13, 2014 Notes: 1983

Relationship: Brother Recorded Date: May 13, 2014 Notes: 2009 complications from Vietnam, 2004 complications from Vietnam

Relationship: Sister Recorded Date: May 13, 2014 Notes: 2002

Social History:

Question	Answer	Notes	Recorded
Caffeine	Yes	coffee	5/13/2014
Marital status	Married		5/13/2014
Education level	College Graduate		5/13/2014
Employment	Disabled		5/13/2014
Tobacco history	Former smoker	quit 2/23/2002	5/13/2014
Alcohol history	Never drinks alcohol		5/13/2014
Has the patient ever used illegal drugs?	Has never used illegal drugs		5/13/2014



Hamid Bahadori MD

Record: 1**Title:** Trigeminal Neuralgia.**Authors:** Developed by RelayHealth**Source:** CRS - Senior Health Advisor. Oct2010, p1-1. 1p.**Document Type:** Article**Subjects:** TRIGEMINAL neuralgia
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Trigeminal Neuralgia

What is trigeminal neuralgia?

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The problem appears suddenly and may get better on its own. It may also disappear for months or years and then come back. The painful episodes may get more frequent as you get older.

What is the cause?

The causes are not well understood. The problem may result from:

- Irritation of nerves that sense pain and touch
- Multiple sclerosis
- Infection of the nerve by the herpes simplex virus

An attack usually follows some sort of trigger. Possible triggers are:

- A light touch to the area
- Brushing teeth
- Chewing or swallowing
- Exposure to hot or cold air or drinks

What are the symptoms?

An attack of trigeminal neuralgia often brings severe stabbing or burning pain that comes in sudden jabs. The pain may last 1 to 15 minutes. The most common areas of attack are the cheeks and jaw. The frequency of the attacks varies from person to person. Between attacks, most people do not have pain, but some may have a dull ache.

How is it diagnosed?

Your healthcare provider will ask about your symptoms and medical history. He or she will examine you. Tests--for example, X-rays--may be needed to rule out other causes of pain, such as infections of the teeth or sinuses. You may have an MRI scan to check for multiple sclerosis or a tumor as a cause of the pain. Your provider may refer you to a neurologist or neurosurgeon for more tests.

How is it treated?

Different types of medicine may be prescribed by your healthcare provider to help relieve pain. It may be hard to find the best treatment if the painful attacks are weeks or months apart. You may need to use more than 1 medicine to prevent or control your symptoms.

If medicine does not give relief or side effects from the medicine are a problem, you may consider surgery. Several surgical techniques are being used, including removing part of the nerve. If your provider suggests that surgery may be a good option for you, find a surgeon who is experienced in the procedure recommended for you.

Some people may find pain is reduced or relieved by acupuncture, chiropractic adjustment, self-hypnosis, or meditation.

How long will the effects last?

The problem appears suddenly and may get better on its own. It may also disappear for months or years and then come back.

How can I help take care of myself?

Keeping a pain diary may help you to see which activities or conditions cause your pain. Then you will know what you need to avoid.

Treating pain at the very first symptom may keep it from becoming as severe, and the pain may last a shorter time.

How can I help prevent trigeminal neuralgia?

There are no known ways to prevent trigeminal neuralgia.

For more information, contact:

- The Trigeminal Neuralgia Association (TNA) Phone: 800-923-3608 Web site: <http://www.tna-support.org>.

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January 2, 2015

RE: Ms. Brenda G. Harmon  
DOB: 4/07/1953

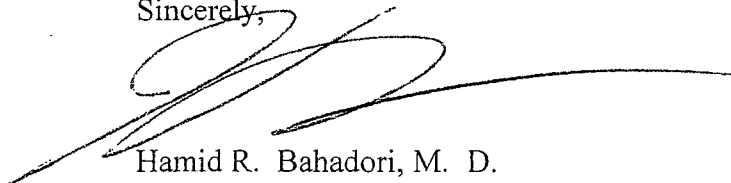
To Whom It May Concern:

The above named patient was seen by me on May 13, 2014. At this examination, I felt that she had trigeminal neuralgia that was caused, most probably by fractured bones in the upper right side of the mouth.

Of note, the patient was also seen by Dr Gregg W. McKenzie, D.D.S. on 5/2/2011 and he had the same opinion about the care of Ms. Harmon's facial pain.

Hoping you will find this information satisfactory, I am,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Hamid R. Bahadori', written over a horizontal line.

Hamid R. Bahadori, M. D.

HRB/dmg

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Date

1/2/15

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|                        |    |     |           |        |
| DA: gum infection/dise |    |     |           |        |
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M.D.

Substitution Permitted

M.D.

Number of Medications

Label all Medications

form #92422

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF RICHLAND

BRENDA G. HARMON

PLAINTIFF

VS.

JOEL E. JOHNSON, DMD

DEFENDANT

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

CASE # 2014CP4002507

MEMORANDUM TO: MOTION TO

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JENNETTE W. McBRIDE  
C.C.P. & G.S.  
DISMISSED

MY FIRST ENCOUNTER WITH THE DEFENDANT'S REPRESENTATION OF LEGAL EXPERTS, REQUESTED THE SAME MOTION FOR CASE TO BE DISMISSED, STATING THAT THE CASE WAS FRIVOLOUS. HOWEVER, THE CASE WAS PREVAILED IN- PART DUE TO DEFENDANT'S FAILURE TO APPEAR. NEVERTHELESS, THE PLAINTIFF WON. SINCE THAT TIME, THERE HAVE BEEN AN ON-GOING OF DENIAL FROM THE DEFENDANT, EVEN THOU THE PLAINTIFF HAVE SHOWN EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT HER CLAIM THAT THE DEFENDANT, FRACTURED THE BONES IN HER MOUTH, CAUSING THE PLAINTIFF TO HAVE TRIGEMINAL NEURALGIA, A NERVE DIS-ORDER OF THE FACE/HEAD, THAT IS PERMANENT, LEAVING THE PLAINTIFF TO HAVE SEVERE PAINS FOR THE REST OF HER LIFE. IF BY ANY LAW OF GOVERNMENT, FEEL THAT A PERSON WHO HAVE HAD ELEVEN SURGERIES IN THE SAME AREA OF THE MOUTH IS FRIVOLOUS, OR FEEL THAT THIS CASE SHOULD BE DISMISSED, THEN WHERE IS THE LAW FOR THE VICTIM. AS FOR MY RESPONSE TO THIS MOTION , THAT WILL BE HEARD ON 12/16/2014, THERE IS NO PRESCENDENT, OR REASON FOR THE COURT TO DISMISS THIS CASE. IT IS NOT A JUDGEMENT WRITTEN THAT I COULD FIND. THE CONDITION, THAT PLAINTIFF HAVE, WAS CAUSED BY THE HANDS OF THE DEFENDANT.

BRENDA G. HARMON / PRO' SE

*Brenda G. Harmon*

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## Default Judgment Legal Definition:

An order of the Court striking a claim because no appearance, answer, reply or defence has been filed within the applicable deadlines.

Also known as *judgment by default*.

In *Cole v. Metropolitan Council*, Justice Forsberg of the Court of Appeals of Minnesota wrote:

"A default judgment is ... a judgment entered against a defendant who has failed to plead or otherwise defend against the plaintiff's claim, often by failing to appear at trial. A judgment by default is just as conclusive an adjudication between parties as any other. "

A default judgment is entered without any judicial assessment or trial on the merits of the action.<sup>1</sup>

Note this important distinction as articulated by Justice Burke of the Supreme Court of Alaska in *Hertz v. Berzanske* :

"The default entry is simply an interlocutory order that in itself determines no rights or remedies, whereas the default judgment is a final judgment that terminates the litigation and decides the dispute. Setting aside a final judgment may be more disruptive to the judicial process and to the parties, who may have relied thereon, than setting aside an interlocutory order. In addition, a default judgment typically involves a much greater commitment of judicial resources, because recovery determinations, complicated hearings and jury trials often take place."

In conclusion, consider these wise words of Justice Davis in the 1965 Illinois Appellate Court decision, *Mieszkowski v. Norville* :

"The entry of a default judgment against a party litigant is a harsh and drastic action. Frequently, the default is visited upon the litigant, as a vicarious punishment, for the acts or omissions of his counsel. While we recognize that rules of court must be observed if dockets are to be kept current, yet courts must, in a proper case, yield the procedural exactitudes to the more basic rules of fundamental fairness.

"The setting aside of such judgment should be tested by the principle of fundamental fairness, and should be an exercise of the court's discretion, wherein it seeks the prevention of injury and the furtherance of justice. In exercising this discretion, it is essential that the court ascertain if some reason exists for the failure to present a defense in apt time; that the court decide whether some meritorious defense exists so that vacating the judgment will not be a patently useless act; and that the court determine if some particular hardship will result to the plaintiff. These determinations should be made, however, within the framework of the legal philosophy that litigation should be determined on its merits, if possible, and according to the substantive rights of the parties. Rights should be determined by default only as a last resort."

## REFERENCES:

- *Cole v. Metropolitan Council Housing and Redevelopment Authority*, 686 NW 2d 334 (2004)
- *Hertz v. Berzanske*, 704 P. 2d 767 (1985)

- **Mieszkowski v. Norville** , 209 NE 2d 358
- **Unknown Heirs at Law of Blair v. Blair** , 601 So. 2d 848 (1992, Supreme Court of Mississippi, *NOTE 1*)

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- **Duhaime's Civil Litigation & Evidence Law Dictionary**

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☐ **ACTION STRICKEN (CHECK REASON):**

☐ Binding arbitration, subject to:

☐ Rule 12(b), SCRPC;

☐ Other

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☐ Rule 40(c), SCRPC

**DISPOSITION OF APPEAL:**

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☐ Other

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IS ORDERED AND ADJUDGED THAT THE COURT'S ORDER BE REVERSED.

☐ Binding arbitration, subject to right to restore to confirm, vacate or modify arbitration award; ☐ Rule 40(j), SCRPC; ☐ Rule 41(a), SCRPC (Vol. Nonsuit); ☐ Bankruptcy; ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Motion to Dismiss  
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 Additional Information for the Clerk : \_\_\_\_\_  
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 is dismissed

☐ Remanded; ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
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ORDER INFORMATION  
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 to prosecute.

INFORMATION FOR THE CLERK:

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Motion ☐ ends ☒ to Dismiss ☐ does not end the case.

Additional Information for the Clerk: to prosecute.

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Court Judge

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Clerk Judge Al Shree Lee Judge Code 2118

For Clerk of Court

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Judge Code 2118 Date 8/11/2014

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FOR THE PLAINTIFF(S) Brenda Harmon

ATTORNEY(S) FOR THE DEFENDANT(S) Elster Sullivan

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Clerk of Court Jeanette W. McBride

# The South Carolina Court of Appeals

Brenda G. Harmon, Appellant,

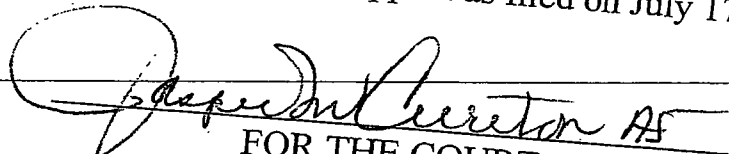
v.

Joel E. Johnson, D.M.D., Respondent.

Appellate Case No. 2015-000061

## ORDER

After careful consideration, Respondent's motion to dismiss is denied. However, Respondent shall have ten days from the date of this order to file a memorandum addressing any challenges to the amended record on appeal as filed on July 17, 2015.

  
FOR THE COURT

Columbia, South Carolina

cc:  
Brenda G. Harmon  
Kelli Lister Sullivan, Esquire  
Julius W. McKay, II, Esquire  
Courtney Renee Pawley, Esquire



Continuance

5-27-14

Filed: 4-17-14  
CASE# 2014CP400-  
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COURTS

I, Brenda Harmon, who is the plaintiff against Dr. Joel Johnson (dentist), took the equation of what happen to me out of the Columbia, S. C. area and put it in another perimeter. Having an appointment with Carolina Neurological Clinic, LLP, examined me for continued pain and suffering since April 26, 2011, and found that I have Trigeminal Neuralgia, (nerve damage), stemming from fractured bones in the gum/mouth. I was informed by Dr. Hamid R. Bahadori, M. D., from The Carolina Neurological Clinic. For this problem I am finally being treated after having (11), surgeries by Dr. Johnson and his friends in the same medical field. Dr. Greg W. McKenzie, D. D. S. (Periodontics), and Dr. William Trent Gillespie, DMD, MPH (Endodontic). After having 11 surgeries between the three Doctors, neither would say that the pains I was having in my face came from the mouth.

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SINCERELY;

BRENDA HARMON

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF RICHLAND

Brenda G. Harmon,

Plaintiff,

vs.

Joel E. Johnson, D.M.D.,

Defendant.

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

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PERSONALLY APPEARED before me, Brenda G. Harmon, who, first being duly sworn, deposes that the Statue of limitations on this case will run out on or about the 25<sup>th</sup> of April 2014. Although within ten (10) days of the filing of case and because of time constraints, I have been unable to get an expert witness in this case at this time.

I understand that pursuant to South Carolina Code of Laws section 15-36-100C1 that I will have forty-five (45) days after the filing of the Complaint to supplement the pleadings with an Affidavit or the case could be dismissed.

THE AFFIANT FURTHER SAYTH NOT.

Brenda G. Harmon  
Brenda G. Harmon

SWORN to before me this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2014.

[Signature] (SEAL)  
NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SC

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: 10.14.2023



Respectfully submitted,

BY: Brenda G. Harmon

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Pro se

Columbia, South Carolina  
April 15, 2014

## STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF RichlandBrenda G. Harmon

Plaintiff(s)

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

## CIVIL ACTION COVERSHEET

vs.

Joel E. Johnson

Defendant(s)

2014CP400 2507

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- ☐ Magistrate-Civil (910)
- ☐ Magistrate-Criminal (920)
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- ☐ Probate Court (940)
- ☐ SCDOT (950)
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- ☐ Zoning Board (970)
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- ☐ Employment Security Commission (991)

## Special/Complex /Other

- ☐ Environmental (600)
- ☐ Automobile Arb. (610)
- ☐ Medical (620)
- ☐ Other (699)
- ☐ Sexual Predator (510)
- ☐ Pharmaceuticals (630)
- ☐ Unfair Trade Practices (640)
- ☐ Foreign Subpoenas (650)
- ☐ Motion to Quash Subpoena in Out-of-County Action (660)

☐ Other (999)Submitting Party Signature: Brenda HarmonDate: 4/17/14

Note: Frivolous civil proceedings may be subject to sanctions pursuant to SCRCP, Rule 11, and the South Carolina Frivolous Civil Proceedings Sanctions Act, S.C. Code Ann. §15-36-10 et. seq.

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**FOR MANDATED ADR COUNTIES ONLY**

Aiken, Allendale, Anderson, Bamberg, Barnwell, Beaufort, Berkeley, Calhoun, Charleston, Cherokee, Clarendon, Colleton, Darlington, Dorchester, Florence, Georgetown, Greenville, Hampton, Horry, Jasper, Kershaw, Lee, Lexington, Marion, Oconee, Orangeburg, Pickens, Richland, Spartanburg, Sumter, Union, Williamsburg, and York

**SUPREME COURT RULES REQUIRE THE SUBMISSION OF ALL CIVIL CASES TO AN ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESS, UNLESS OTHERWISE EXEMPT.**

**You are required to take the following action(s):**

1. The parties shall select a neutral and file a "Proof of ADR" form on or by the 210<sup>th</sup> day of the filing of this action. If the parties have not selected a neutral within 210 days, the Clerk of Court shall then appoint a primary and secondary mediator from the current roster on a rotating basis from among those mediators agreeing to accept cases in the county in which the action has been filed.
2. The initial ADR conference must be held within 300 days after the filing of the action.
3. Pre-suit medical malpractice mediations required by S.C. Code §15-79-125 shall be held not later than 120 days after all defendants are served with the "Notice of Intent to File Suit" or as the court directs. (Medical malpractice mediation is mandatory statewide.)
4. Cases are exempt from ADR only upon the following grounds:
  - a. Special proceeding, or actions seeking extraordinary relief such as mandamus, habeas corpus, or prohibition;
  - b. Requests for temporary relief;
  - c. Appeals
  - d. Post Conviction relief matters;
  - e. Contempt of Court proceedings;
  - f. Forfeiture proceedings brought by governmental entities;
  - g. Mortgage foreclosures; and
  - h. Cases that have been previously subjected to an ADR conference, unless otherwise required by Rule 3 or by statute.
5. In cases not subject to ADR, the Chief Judge for Administrative Purposes, upon the motion of the court or of any party, may order a case to mediation.
6. Motion of a party to be exempt from payment of neutral fees due to indigency should be filed with the Court within ten (10) days after the ADR conference has been concluded.

**Please Note: You must comply with the Supreme Court Rules regarding ADR. Failure to do so may affect your case or may result in sanctions.**

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
COUNTY OF RICHLAND )

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

2014CP0002507

Brenda G. Harmon,

Plaintiff,

vs.

Joel E. Johnson, D.M.D.,

Defendant.

SUMMONS

2014 APR 17 PM 2:17  
C.C.P. & G.S.

TO THE DEFENDANT ABOVE-NAMED:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint in this action, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer to the said Complaint on the Plaintiff, 2110 Woodfield Drive, Columbia, South Carolina, 29223, within thirty (30) days after service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the attached Complaint.

Dated at Columbia, South Carolina on the 4/17/14 day of April, 2014.

Brenda

Brenda G. Harmon  
2110 Woodfield Drive  
Columbia, South Carolina 29223  
(803) 865-1922

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
COUNTY OF RICHLAND )

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

Brenda G. Harmon,

Plaintiff,

vs.

Joel E. Johnson, D.M.D,

Defendant.

COMPLAINT

2014 APR 17 PM 2:17  
C.C.P. & G.S.

The Plaintiff, complaining of the Defendant, would respectfully show unto this Court:

1. The Plaintiff and Defendant are citizens and residents of the County of Richland, State of South Carolina and have been so for more than one (1) year prior to the commencement of this action.
2. The Defendant is a dentist doing business in the County of Richland, State of South Carolina.
3. The Plaintiff was a former patient of the Defendant and that the Plaintiff contacted the Defendant to perform certain dental work; specifically to prepare her teeth for crowns and to eventually place the crowns on the Plaintiff's teeth.
4. On or about the 26<sup>th</sup> day of April 2011, the Plaintiff returned to have the crowns placed on her teeth.
5. The Defendant and his assistant did perform the procedure to place the crowns on the Plaintiffs teeth.
6. That shortly after leaving the dental office, the #7 tooth broke to the gum line due to the negligence and deviation from the standard of care provided by the Defendant.

7. That as a result of the conduct of the Defendant, the Plaintiff has suffered greatly and has had numerous dental procedures causing her great suffering as well as economical loss.

8. The Plaintiff is informed and believes that the Defendant was negligent, reckless, careless, and gruesomely negligent in the following particulars:

- (a) In failing to properly prepare the teeth for crowns;
- (b) In failing to properly supervise his assistant and the procedure;
- (c) In failing to perform the crown preparation under the circumstances and procedures that other dentists would do;
- (d) In cracking her tooth during the procedure;
- (e) In deviating from the standard of care like dentists in the area.

All or any one of which were the direct and proximate cause of the injuries and damages suffered by the Plaintiff herein.

9. That the Plaintiff is informed and believes that due to the conduct of the Defendant, she is entitled to judgment against the Defendant for actual damages plus a reasonable sum of punitive damages.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment against the Defendant for actual damages plus a reasonable sum of punitive damages; for the costs of this action; and for such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

COUNTY OF RICHLAND

CASE NO. 2014CP4002507

BRENDA G. HARMON

AFFIDAVIT/PLAINTIFF

PLAINTIFF

VS.

JOEL E. JOHNSON, DMD

DEFENDANT

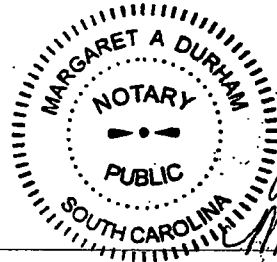
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I, THE ABOVE NAMED PLAINTIFF ADMIT THAT I AM NOT AN ATTORNEY, NOR DO I POSSESS THE SKILLS OR KNOWLEDGE THAT AN ATTORNEY MAY HAVE. HOWEVER, THE REPRESENTATION THAT I HAD DISMISSED HIMSELF FROM MY CASE FOR REASONS I CAN'T EVEN UNDERSTAND THE LATENESS OF HIS DISMISSAL. STILL, I CANNOT MAKE ANY LAWYER TAKE THIS CASE IF HE/SHE, CARE NOT TO REPRESENT ME, THAT IS THEIR CHOICE/AN RIGHT. I, THE ABOVE NAMED PLAINTIFF HAVE DEVELOPED A SLOWNESS IN MOVEMENT BECAUE OF THE PAINS THAT IS A DAILY ACTIVITY SINCE THE BONES WERE BROKEN IN MY MOUTH. THE PAINS COME IN THE LATE EVENING MOSTLY, BUT EVERY MORNING THERE IS BURNING OF THE EYES, NASAL DRIP LIKE SINUS. HEADACHES, SWELLING IN THE FACE, PAIN FROM THE RIGHT NOSTRIL TO THE RIGHT EYE, PAIN FROM THE RIGHT NOSTRIL ACROSS THE FACE TO THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE NECK INTO THE SHOULDER. THERE IS ALSO RINGING IN THE RIGHT EAR, AND MOST IMPORTANT THERE IS AN INFECTION THAT RUNS ACROSS THE FACE THAT CAUSES SEVERE PAIN. THIS IS MY MOST CONCERN, WHY?

AT THIS PARTICULAR TIME I HAVE NO REPRESENTATION, BUT LET ME ASSURE YOU THAT IT IS NOT THAT I HAVEN'T TRIED TO ACQUIRE REPRESENTATION. LET ME MAKE IT CLEAR TO THE DEFENDANT, YOU DO NOT HAVE THE RIGHT TO BUTCHER A PATIENT THEN TRY AND PLACE THE BLAME ON ANOTHER PROFESSIONAL DR. SYKES, D.D.S., SIMPLY BECAUSE WE ARE FROM THE SAME CULTURE. DR. SYKES HAD WORKED ON MY MOUTH THREE/FOUR YEARS PRIOR

TO YOUR BLANTANT NEGLIGENCE. IT IS KNOWN THAT DR. SYKES, DOES NOT DO  
POSTS, WHICH IS WHAT YOU DID, LEAVING ME NUMEROUS OF TIMES, BEING  
CARELESS.

WITHOUT CERTAINTY, MY PAINS ARE REAL, AND I CAN'T LOOK BACK AND ERASE  
WHAT DR. JOEL JOHNSON DID TO ME. THERE WAS THREE FRIENDS, WHO ARE  
WHITE, TRIED TO CONSPIRE AND HIDE THE FACT OF BRONKEN BONES AGAINST  
AN OLDER LY BLACK FEMALE THAT THEY SOMEHOW KNEW THATNO ONE WOULD  
LISTEN, NOR WOULD I BE HEARD.



My Commission Expires  
August 10, 2020

SINCERELY;

*Brenda Harmon*  
BRENDA G. HARMON/PRO SE

9-29-14

*c.c. Courts, Richland County*

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

COUNTY OF RICHLAND

CASE NO. 2014CP4002507

BRENDA G. HARMON

PLEA

PLAINTIFF

VS.

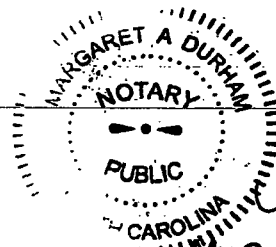
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DEFENDANT

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I, BRENDA G. HARMON PLEA TO THE COURTS, TO PROVIDE PLAINTIFF WITH A COURT DATE, AS WELL AS START THE PROCESS OF SELECTING A JURY. IN ANY COURT, I THE NAMED PLAINTIFF HAVE THE RIGHT TO RECEIVE JUSTICE FROM THE ATROSITIES THAT WAS INFLICTED ON MY BEING. OVER THE LAST THREE YEARS, FIVE MONTHS, PLUS, I HAVE SUFFERED FROM WHAT WAS PRESSED ON ME. IT WAS DIAGNOSED AS BEING CHRONIIC, WHICH MEANS THERE IS LITTLE CHANCE OF ME LIVING IN THIS WORLD WITHOUT PAIN. MY GUMS ARE SORE AND TENDER AND REFUSING TO HEAL. THE SHAKING, THAT OCCURS WITHOUT WARNING ON THE RIGHT SIDE/SHOULDER, THROUGH THE HANDS. I PLEA TO THE COURTS, TO PROVIDE THE PLAINTIFF WITH A GIVEN DATE SO THAT PLAINTIFF CAN NOTIFY OTHER MEDICAL STAFF THAT DIAGNOSED PLAINTIFF, AND IS ALSO LICENSED BY THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA. MEDICAL STAFF THAT CONCLUDES THE SAME FINDINGS THAT THE NEUROLOGIST FOUND, SO THEY MAY BE ABLE TO PREPARE THEMSELVES FOR TRIAL / TESTIFY.

I AM ALSO ENCLOSING A TWO PRINT OUTS FROM GREGG W. MCKENZIE, D.D.S., RECORDS OF DATA, WRITTEN AND SIGNED BY HIM, WHO IS A FRIEND OF THE DEFENDANT. AS WELL AS A PARTICIPANT IN BLAME.



*de to signature only*  
*M. A. Durham*  
My Commission Expires  
August 10, 2020

BRENDA G. HARMON/PLAINTIFF

*Brenda Harmon*  
MONDAY / 9-29-2014.

cc.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
COUNTY OF RICHLAND )

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
CASE NO: 2014-CP-40-2507

Brenda G. Harmon,

Plaintiff,

v.

Joel E. Johnson, D.M.D.,

Defendant.

**DEFENDANT'S NOTICE OF MOTION  
AND MOTION TO DISMISS**

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C.C.P. & G.S.

TO: BRENDA G. HARMON, *PRO SE* PLAINTIFF:

YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Rule 12 of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure, Defendant, by and through his undersigned counsel, hereby moves this Court to dismiss the Complaint in this matter. Said Motion will be heard within ten (10) days after service hereof, or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, before the Presiding Judge for the Court of Common Pleas of which you will be notified.

As grounds for this Motion, Defendant would show that the Complaint is insufficient and fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted pursuant to SCRCP 12(b)4 and 12(b)(6) in that it fails to comply with the requirements of The South Carolina Medical Malpractice Act, S.C. Code § 15-79-110, et. seq. Specifically, the Complaint purports to set forth a cause of action for medical malpractice, but the Plaintiff has failed to file a Notice of Intent to File Suit along with an expert affidavit prior to filing the Complaint as mandated by S.C. Code §15-79-125 entitled "The Prerequisites to Filing suit in a Medical Malpractice Action." The statute requires:

Prior to filing or initiating a civil action alleging injury or death as a result of medical malpractice, the plaintiff shall contemporaneously file a Notice of Intent to File Suit and an affidavit of an expert witness, subject to the affidavit requirements established in §15-36-100.

S.C. Code §15-79-125(A). The statute further requires a mandatory pre-litigation mediation conference to be held from ninety to one hundred twenty days from filing the Notice of Intent, (S.C. Code §15-79-125(C)), and allows a Plaintiff to file a summons and complaint only after the mediator determines "that the mediation is not viable, that an impasse exists, or that the mediation should end." S.C. Code §15-79-125(E)(1).

The Complaint should be dismissed as it fails to comply with each of these provisions of the statute. Plaintiff failed to file and serve a Notice of Intent and expert affidavit prior to filing the Summons and Complaint, and the parties did not participate in the mandatory pre-litigation mediation whereby the parties could attempt to resolve this matter or a mediator could certify that mediation is not viable, that an impasse exists or that the mediation should end.

Additionally, the Complaint further fails to set forth facts sufficient to constitute a cause of action against the Defendant and should be dismissed in that Plaintiff has failed to comply with the requirements of Section 15-36-100, Code of Laws of South Carolina (1976, as amended), the South Carolina Frivolous Civil Proceedings Sanctions Act, in failing to file an Affidavit of an expert witness along with the Complaint. Such expert must testify as to the existence of an act or omission by the Defendant claimed to be in violation of the appropriate standard of care.

The South Carolina Supreme Court recently clarified the Notice of Intent and expert affidavit requirements in *Ranucci v. Crain*.<sup>1</sup> The Supreme Court held that the intention of South Carolina Code Annotated 15-36-100 was to promote tort reform and make the adjudication of professional negligence cases more efficient. To that end, a Plaintiff must file an affidavit of an expert witness along with a Notice of Intent to file suit. If the statute of limitations will expire within 10 days, the Plaintiff has an additional 45 days after the filing of the summons and complaint to procure an affidavit.<sup>2</sup>

Plaintiff claims that Dr. Johnson acted negligently in the placement of a crown on her tooth on or about April 26, 2011. The statute of limitations on that claim should then run on April 27, 2014. Plaintiff filed her summons and complaint on April 17, 2014, without an expert affidavit. Assuming that Plaintiff desires to take advantage of the statutory provision extending her time to file an affidavit because of the running of the statute of limitations, Plaintiff would have had to file an expert affidavit no later than 45 days from the filing of the summons and complaint, which is June 8, 2014. To date, Plaintiff has not filed an expert affidavit.

Additionally, Plaintiff was served interrogatories and requests to produce on August 12, 2014. The interrogatories requested information on any potential expert witnesses. To date, those discovery requests have not been answered.

Finally, the Complaint should also be dismissed pursuant to SCRCP 12(b)(5) in that it was not properly served on Defendant.

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<sup>1</sup> 2014 WL 3610956. (Copy attached.)

<sup>2</sup> South Carolina Code Annotated Section 15-36-100 (C)(1).

Because the Plaintiff failed to comply with both S.C. Code Ann. §15-79-125 and S.C. Code Ann. §15-36-100 and has failed to properly serve the Defendant, the Complaint should be dismissed.



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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
COUNTY OF RICHLAND )

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

CASE NO: 2014-CP-40-2507

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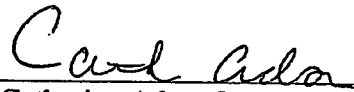
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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The undersigned hereby certifies that on September 23, 2014, a copy of the foregoing *Defendant's Notice of Motion and Motion to Dismiss* was duly served on opposing counsel by depositing same in the United States Mail, first-class, postage prepaid, addressed as follows:

Ms. Brenda G. Harmon  
2110 Woodfield Drive  
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September 23, 2014

**VIA HAND DELIVERY**

The Honorable Jeanette McBride  
Richland County Clerk of Court  
1701 Main Street  
Columbia, SC 29201

Re: Brenda G. Harmon v. Joel E. Johnson, DMD  
Case No: 14-CP-40-2507  
Our File No: 390-436

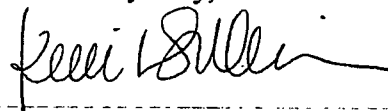
Dear Ms. McBride:

Attached are the original and one copy of **DEFENDANT'S NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION TO DISMISS**. Also enclosed are the Motion Cover Sheet and our check in the amount of \$25.00 to cover the filing fee. Please file the original and return the clocked copy to me in the enclosed envelope.

By copy of this letter, I am serving all the *pro se* Plaintiff with the same.

With kind regards, I am

Yours very truly,



Kelli L. Sullivan

KLS/cma  
Attachments

cc: Ms. Brenda G. Harmon

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF Richland

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

CASE NO.: 2014-CP-400-2507

Brenda G. Harmon

vs.

Joel E. Johnson DMD

Plaintiff,

Defendant.

MOTION AND ORDER INFORMATION  
FORM AND COVERSHEET

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Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Defendant's Attorney:

Post Office Box 7217

Address:

Mrs. M. Kay Cauter, Secretary

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ MOTION HEARING REQUESTED (attach written motion and complete SECTION I and III)  
☐ FORM MOTION, NO HEARING REQUESTED (complete SECTIONS II and III)  
☐ PROPOSED ORDER/CONSENT ORDER (complete SECTIONS II and III)

SECTION I: Hearing Information

Nature of Motion: To proceed with Trial

Estimated Time Needed: \_\_\_\_\_

Court Reporter Needed: ☐ YES / ☐ NO

SECTION II: Motion/Order Type

- ☒ Written motion attached  
☐ Form Motion/Order

I hereby move for relief or action by the court as set forth in the attached proposed order.

Brenda G. Harmon Pro Se

Signature of Attorney for ☒ Plaintiff / ☐ Defendant

9/22/14, 20

SECTION III: Motion Fee

- ☒ PAID - AMOUNT: \$ 25.00  
☐ EXEMPT: (check reason)  
☐ Rule to Show Cause in Child or Spousal Support  
☐ Domestic Abuse or Abuse and Neglect  
☐ Indigent Status ☐ State Agency v. Indigent Party  
☐ Sexually Violent Predator Act ☐ Post-Conviction Relief  
☐ Motion for Stay in Bankruptcy  
☐ Motion for Publication ☐ Motion for Execution (Rule 69, SCRCP)  
☐ Proposed order submitted at request of the court; or,  
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Name of Court Reporter: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

JUDGE'S SECTION

- ☐ Motion Fee to be paid upon filing of the attached order.  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF Richland

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

CASE NO.: 2014-CP-400-2307

Brenda G. Harmon

Plaintiff,

vs.

Joel E. Johnson DMD

Defendant.

MOTION AND ORDER INFORMATION  
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Court Reporter Needed: ☐ YES / ☐ NO

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Brenda G. Harmon Pro Se  
Signature of Attorney for ☒ Plaintiff / ☐ Defendant

9/22/14  
Date submitted

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SECTION III: Motion Fee

☒ PAID - AMOUNT: \$ 35.00

☐ EXEMPT:

(check reason)

- ☐ Rule to Show Cause in Child or Spousal Support  
☐ Domestic Abuse or Abuse and Neglect  
☐ Indigent Status ☐ State Agency v. Indigent Party  
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BRENDA HARMON, PRO SE'  
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September 22, 2014

VIA HAND DELIVERY  
THE HONORABLE JUDGE ALISON R. LEE  
THE HONORABLE JEANNETTE MCBRIDE  
RICHLAND COUNTY CLERK OF COURT  
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RE: Brenda G. Harmon v. Joel E. Johnson, DMD  
Case No. 2014CP4002507  
Above Named Plaintiff-Pro Se'

Dear Honorable Judge Lee/Honorable Jeanette McBride,

Enclosed are the original and two copies of PLAINTIFF'S NOTICE OF MOTION TO CONTINUE WITH TRIAL PROCEDURE (ASAP), AND SELECTION TO SCREEN JURORS FOR TRIAL. A Payment of \$25.00 will be exchanged at the Richland County, Clerk of Court.

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By copy of this letter, I am serving The Honorable Judge Lee, Clerk of Court  
Jeanette McBride, And Defendant's Representation McKay, Cauten, Settana &  
Stubley, P.A.

I do thank you.

Sincerely

*Brenda G. Harmon*  
Brenda G. Harmon,  
Pro Se'

Enclosures

cc: Honorable Jeanette McBride  
McKay, Cauten, Settana & Stubley

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

COUNTY OF RICHLAND

CASE NO. 2014CP4002507

BRENDA G. HARMON

WILLFUL DISRESPECT & DISREGARD

PLAINTIFF

FOR THIS CASE AND TIME TO REPLY.

V.

DEFAULT

JOEL E. JOHNSON, DMD

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Enclosure

cc: Honorable Jennette McBride  
McKray, Cauden, Seltman & Stobley

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

COUNTY OF RICHLAND )

CASE NO: 2014-CP-40-2507

Brenda G. Harmon,

Plaintiff,

v.

Joel E. Johnson, D.M.D.,

Defendant.

**DEFENDANT'S NOTICE OF MOTION  
AND MOTION TO DISMISS**

RICHLAND COUNTY  
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2014 MAY 30 AM 11:05  
NEARHETTE W. McBRIDE  
C.C.P. & G.S.

TO: BRENDA G. HARMON, *PRO SE* PLAINTIFF:

YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Rule 12 of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure, Defendant, by and through his undersigned counsel, hereby moves this Court to dismiss the Complaint in this matter. Said Motion will be heard within ten (10) days after service hereof, or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, before the Presiding Judge for the Court of Common Pleas of which you will be notified.

As grounds for this Motion, Defendant would show that the Complaint is insufficient and fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted pursuant to SCRCP 12(b)(4) and 12(b)(6) in that it fails to comply with the requirements of The South Carolina Medical Malpractice Act, S.C. Code § 15-79-110, et. seq. Specifically, the Complaint purports to set forth a cause of action for medical malpractice, but the Plaintiff has failed to file a Notice of Intent to File Suit along with an expert affidavit prior to filing the Complaint as mandated by S.C. Code §15-79-125 entitled "The Prerequisites to Filing suit in a Medical Malpractice Action." The statute requires:

Prior to filing or initiating a civil action alleging injury or death as a result of medical malpractice, the plaintiff shall contemporaneously file a Notice of Intent to File Suit and an affidavit of an expert witness, subject to the affidavit requirements established in §15-36-100.

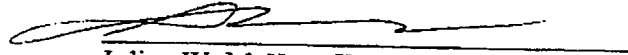
S.C. Code §15-79-125(A). The statute further requires a mandatory pre-litigation mediation conference to be held from ninety to one hundred twenty days from filing the Notice of Intent, (S.C. Code §15-79-125(C)), and allows a Plaintiff to file a summons and complaint only after the mediator determines "that the mediation is not viable, that an impasse exists, or that the mediation should end." S.C. Code §15-79-125(E)(1).

The Complaint should be dismissed as it fails to comply with each of these provisions of the statute. Plaintiff failed to file and serve a Notice of Intent and expert affidavit prior to filing the Summons and Complaint, and the parties did not participate in the mandatory pre-litigation mediation whereby the parties could attempt to resolve this matter or a mediator could certify that mediation is not viable, that an impasse exists or that the mediation should end.

Additionally, the Complaint further fails to set forth facts sufficient to constitute a cause of action against the Defendant and should be dismissed in that Plaintiff has failed to comply with the requirements of Section 15-36-100, Code of Laws of South Carolina (1976, as amended), the South Carolina Frivolous Civil Proceedings Sanctions Act, in failing to file an Affidavit of an expert witness along with the Complaint. Such expert must testify as to the existence of an act or omission by the Defendant claimed to be in violation of the appropriate standard of care.

Finally, the Complaint should also be dismissed pursuant to SCRCP 12(b)(5) in that it was not properly served on Defendant.

Because the Plaintiff failed to comply with both S.C. Code Ann. §15-79-125 and S.C. Code Ann. §15-36-100 and has failed to properly serve the Defendant, the Complaint should be dismissed.



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May 30, 2014.

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COUNTY OF RICHLAND )

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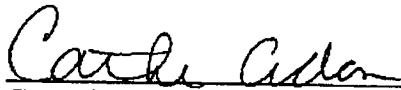
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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The undersigned hereby certifies that on May 30, 2014, a copy of the foregoing *Defendant's Notice of Motion and Motion to Dismiss* was duly served on opposing counsel by depositing same in the United States Mail, first-class, postage prepaid, addressed as follows:

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cc. Honorable Jeannette McBride  
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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF RICHLAND

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
FOR THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
CASE NO: 2014-CP-40-02507

Brenda G. Harmon,

Plaintiff,

v.

Joel E. Johnson, D.M.D.,

Defendant.

**ORDER OF DISMISSAL**

2015 JAN -6 PM 4:14  
C.C.P. 5th Cir.  
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This matter came before me on January 6, 2015 at 9:30 am during the Common Pleas Non-Jury Term of Court in Richland County. Plaintiff represented herself pro se, and Dr. Johnson was represented by Kelli Sullivan Esq.

The Plaintiff filed her Complaint on April 17, 2014, less than ten (10) days before the statute of limitations was to expire. Plaintiff's Complaint did not include an affidavit by an expert witness detailing any breach of the standard of care by Dr. Johnson.

Defendant Johnson filed a Motion to Dismiss alleging that this matter should be dismissed under SCRCP 12(b)(6) due to Plaintiff's failure to provide an affidavit of an expert witness as is required by South Carolina Code Annotated § 15-36-100.

After hearing argument on the issues, I find that Plaintiff has failed to produce an expert witness affidavit supporting her Complaint as is required by South Carolina Code Annotated § 15-36-100.

THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED that Plaintiff's Complaint is dismissed with prejudice.



DeAndrea G. Benjamin  
Fifth Judicial Circuit

Columbia, South Carolina  
January 6, 2015.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF RICHLAND  
IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

## JUDGMENT IN A CIVIL CASE

CASE NUMBER: 2014-CP-40-02507

Brenda G. Harmon

Joel E. Johnson, D.M.D.

PLAINTIFF

DEFENDANT

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Attorney for : ☐ Plaintiff ☐ Defendant or ☐ Self-Represented Litigant

## DISPOSITION TYPE (CHECK ONE)

- ☐ JURY VERDICT. This action came before the court for a trial by jury. The issues have been tried and a verdict rendered.
- ☒ DECISION BY THE COURT. This action came to trial or hearing before the court. The issues have been tried or heard and a decision rendered.
- ☐ ACTION DISMISSED (CHECK REASON): ☐ Rule 12(b), SCRPC; ☐ Rule 41(a), SCRPC (Vol. No. suit);  
☐ Rule 43(k), SCRPC (Settled); ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ ACTION STRICKEN (CHECK REASON): ☐ Rule 40(j), SCRPC; ☐ Bankruptcy;  
☐ Binding arbitration, subject to right to restore to confirm, vacate or modify arbitration award; ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ DISPOSITION OF APPEAL TO THE CIRCUIT COURT (CHECK APPLICABLE BOX):  
☐ Affirmed; ☐ Reversed; ☐ Remanded; ☐ Other: This appeal is dismissed because the appeal is moot.

NOTE: ATTORNEYS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR NOTIFYING LOWER COURT, TRIBUNAL, OR ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY OF THE CIRCUIT COURT RULING IN THIS APPEAL.

IT IS ORDERED AND ADJUDGED: ☒ See attached order (formal order to follow) ☐ Statement of Judgment by the Court:

## ORDER INFORMATION

This order ☒ ends ☐ does not end the case.

Additional Information for the Clerk :

Plaintiff's Motion for Default Judgment was heard before the Court during the non-jury common pleas term in Richland County on January 6, 2015 at 9:30 am. The Court denied Plaintiff's Motion for Default Judgment. By consent of the Plaintiff, Defendant's Motion to Dismiss was also heard before the Court. The Court granted Defendant's Motion to Dismiss with Prejudice.

## INFORMATION FOR THE PUBLIC INDEX

Complete this section below when the judgment affects title to real or personal property or if any amount should be enrolled. If there is no judgment information, indicate "N/A" in one of the boxes below.

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Circuit Court Judge WJBJudge Code 2161Date 1-6-15

## For Clerk of Court Office Use Only

This judgment was entered on the 8 day of Jan, 20 15 and a copy mailed first class or placed in the appropriate attorney's box on this 8 day of Jan, 20 15 to attorneys of record or to parties (when appearing pro se) as follows:

Brenda G. Harmon

APPEARING PRO SE, FOR THE PLAINTIFF

Kelli Sullivan

ATTORNEY FOR THE DEFENDANT(S)

Court Reporter Hilda M. JordanClerk of Court Jeanette W. McBride

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CASE NO: 2014-CP-40-02507

Brenda G. Harmon,

Plaintiff,

v.

Joel E. Johnson, D.M.D.,

Defendant.

**ORDER DENYING PLAINTIFF'S  
MOTION FOR DEFAULT JUDGMENT**

2015 JAN -6 PM 4:18  
CLERK OF COURT  
FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

This matter came before me upon Plaintiff's Motion for Default filed on November 10, 2014. A hearing was held before me on January 6, 2015 at 9:30 am during the Common Pleas Non-Jury Term of Court in Richland County at which Plaintiff represented herself pro se, and Dr. Johnson was represented by Kelli Sullivan, Esq.

Plaintiff's Complaint was originally filed on April 17, 2014, and served on the Defendant May 22, 2014. Defendant filed a Motion to Dismiss on May 30, 2014. That Motion to Dismiss was denied with leave to re-file by Judge Alison Lee on August 11, 2014. Defendant then filed an Answer on August 12, 2014, and a second Motion to Dismiss on September 23, 2014.

Plaintiff claims that Defendant never filed a timely Answer in the case; however, there is an Answer in the Court's file, as well as a Certificate of Service noting that the Answer was served on the Plaintiff at her last known address. I find that the Defendant timely answered the Complaint in this case.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Plaintiff's Motion for a Default Judgment is DENIED.

  
Hon. DeAndrea G. Benjamin  
Fifth Judicial Circuit

Columbia, South Carolina  
January 6, 2015.

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APPEAL FROM RICHLAND COUNTY  
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DeAndrea G. Benjamin, Fifth Judicial Circuit Court Judge

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Case No. 2015 – 000061  
Final Brief – rule # 208 / 2<sup>nd</sup> , Designation of Matter

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Brenda G. Harmon

Appellant

v.

Joel E, Johnson. D.M.D.

Respondent

Brenda G. Harmon; Pro Se'

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I, Brenda G. Harmon, received a response from the Law Firm, McKay, Cauthen, Settana & Stubley, P. A., 1303 Blanding Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201, representatives for the above named respondent. On Thursday, May 25, 2015, via U. S. Mail. It is a reply to the Initial Brief that I wrote for the basis of my appeal. In this response, on pg. # 6, it is written that I had only ten days left to file. That is a Given. That is a right provided to me by the court. The Representatives for the defendant is suggesting that you take away that right. By the same token of having equality, the Constitution Says I have the same rights as their client, to live free. I am not free from daily pains, daily swelling or headaches from the defendant's mal-practice. When this Dentist saw that other Doctors was not going to take the blame for his mistake, he tried to blame another doctor simply because he was black. Through- out these proceedings, the defendant/representative, It is A fact, not just a claim. I request to the Court of Appeals to read the transcript in its entirety, 18 pages, and read the response. This response will be used by me, the appellant at the time I am required to appear. You cannot go to a meeting of arbitration if that meeting has been canceled. When I was notified by the Courts that my hearing, which was scheduled for December, 2014, but changed to January 6, 2015, I immediately sent a letter informing Attorney Sullivan, of the new date that was given. On Pg. # 5, of the response from the Defendant's Attorneys, Their claim was that I failed to appear at the meeting for arbitration, this is a lie. I called, Mr. Tucker S. Player, (803) 772-8008, informing him that a Court date had been set before the arbitration, the hearing was canceled. Please look at the date it was scheduled. I went to Court on January 6, 2015, for which Judge Benjamin, threw out the entire case. The meeting for arbitration was scheduled for Feb. 2015. Where is the logic? Every item that required me to reply, I did. This is what I tried to get Judge Benjamin to see, but she didn't want to see nor did she show any interest in me receiving justice, in my opinion, Judge Benjamin had made her decision before the case had started, from what she was told and not what she read. Certainly, And I hope, she didn't make her decision from the information that was sent to me from The Law Firm, McKay, Cauthen, Settana & Stubley, P. A.

I am still a patient of Dr. Hamid Bahadori, M.D., of Carolina Neurology Medical Center, 125 Doughty Street, Suite 460, Charleston, S. C. 29403, therefore what he diagnosed cannot be void. Tactics are used every day by Attorneys who just want to win and win by attrition, never seeing the pain that their client caused. This Doctor, Joel E. Johnson Knows that he has done irreparable damage to my body, but still to this day won't say he's sorry. He rather crawl up like a snake and use the law because to him it is un-ethical to say so to a black female. My pain is evitable, it can only be quiet with medication for the rest of my life.

Again what constitute an "affidavit?" It is a written diagnosis of a patient from a medical Doctor. The law is a set of rules guided by facts and logic. I shall not be deprive of my rights because of my race, gender or age. The Laws from cases used in my Initial Brief, Are laws that are written.

No person, has the right to willfully take away the life of another person. I ache all the time, due to medical negligence. What was sent to me, via U. S. Mail a child can depict the lies that is written. In America you cannot do bodily harm to another person as you please, especially being a licensed person. That license, is given by the state, stating you know what you are doing. I did not in any circumstance pay you money to harm my face.

This is a second designation of matter / Final Brief. It is written.

### Conclusion

For reasons provided in the initial Brief and my reply to their Response, is the reason my case should continue. I ask the Appeals Court to settle this case using the law the right way, A. Settlement, B. Arbitration, or C. Court Trial- Trial by Jury

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C/O Kelli Sullivan

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Re: Brenda G. Harmon v. Joel E. Johnson, DMD

Appellant Case No. 2015-000061

Dear Attorney Sullivan:



COPY

Enclose is a copy of the Final Brief/2<sup>nd</sup> Designation of Matter, and served included in the Record of Appeal which is filed with the Courts on the above date. It is delivered to you by way of the South Carolina Sheriff Department.

Respectfully  
Brenda Harmon  
June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015

BRENDA HARMON, PRO SE'  
2110 WOODFIELD DRIVE  
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September 22, 2014

VIA HAND DELIVERY  
THE HONORABLE JUDGE ALISON R. LEE  
THE HONORABLE JEANETTE MCBRIDE  
RICHLAND COUNTY CLERK OF COURT  
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RE: Brenda G. Harmon v. Joel E. Johnson, DMD  
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Above Named Plaintiff-Pro Se'

Dear Honorable Judge Lee/Honorable Jeanette McBride,

Enclosed are the original and two copies of PLAINTIFF'S NOTICE OF MOTION TO CONTINUE WITH TRIAL PROCEDURE (ASAP), AND SELECTION TO SCREEN JURORS FOR TRIAL. A Payment of \$25.00 will be exchanged at the Richland County, Clerk of Court.

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By copy of this letter, I am serving The Honorable Judge Lee, Clerk of Court  
Jeanette McBride, And Defendant's Representation McKay, Cauten, Settana &  
Stubley, P.A.

I do thank you.

Sincerely

*Brenda G. Harmon*  
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Re: Kelli L. Sullivan, Esquire

I, Brenda G. Harmon, certify to the Courts that the Record of Appeal contain all information, that will be used by what is stated in Record of Appeal. All materials that is mentioned in the Record of Appeal and will be used for the purpose of Court. However, I, the Appellant have not provided the Courts with 2, items that is mentioned on the appeal, but will provide them in my final brief.

Respectfully

Brenda G. Harmon

*Brenda G. Harmon*

June 24, 2015