

Karen D. Lundgren,
Respondent,
Appellant.

MOTION TO REMAND

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA In The Court of Appeals[In The
Supreme Court]

APPEAL FROM DORCHESTER CIRCUIT COURT OF COMMON
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Circuit Court Judge Edgar Dickson

CIVIL ACTION NO 2008-CP-18-853

Michael G Petersen (Appellee)

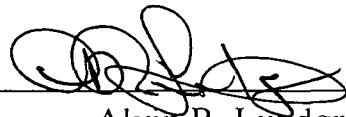
v.

Karen D. Lundgren (Appellant)

MOTION TO REMAND

Karen D Lundgren moves this court to remand this case back to the
Dorchester Circuit Court of Appeals for that court to consider the Motion to
Amend filed on August 20, 2012, based on the attached memorandum.

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Supreme Court

APPEAL FROM DORCHESTER COUNTY Court of Common Pleas

Circuit Court Judge Edgar Dickson

CIVIL ACTION NO 2008-CP-18-853

Michael G Petersen (Appellee)

v.

Karen D. Lundgren (Appellant)

MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO REMAND

Appellant Lundgren moves this court to remand the Appeal filed by Appellant, and return this case to the Dorchester Circuit Court of Pleas to consider the appeal filed by Appellant on August 20, 2012.

FACTS

1. The Dorchester court signed an order in the above case that was filed on August 9, 2012. (See Court Actions, Exhibit A)
2. Appellant sent the Dorchester court a Motion to Amend, with a cover sheet motion and memorandum on August 16, 2012. (Exhibit B)
3. Included with the Motion to Amend was a check, signed, but without the amount filled out.
4. Appellant emailed these documents to the Dorchester Judge through court clerks Ms. Nicolette and Ms. Smith and to other counsel Ms. Maes and Mr. Tillman on August 16, 2012. (Exhibit C)

5. On or about August 20, 2012 the court clerk returned the documents Appellant sent with a "sticky note" from a court clerk that stated "we cannot accept a check without the amount filled out." (Exhibit D)
6. Appellant had previously sent signed checks with a blank amount to this court, and the clerk accepted the filing and filled out the proper filing fee. (Exhibit D)
7. Appellant returned the papers to the court and they were filed on or about August 30, 2012. (See Exhibit A)
8. SCRCF Rule 52(b) requires that a Motion to Amend be filed 10 days after written receipt of the Order.
9. Appellant received the written notice of the Order on August 13, 2012, therefore the Motion must have been filed on or before August 24, 2012. (Affidavit of Alvin R. Lundgren)
10. Appellant's motion was timely deposited with the court, and but for the clerk returning the motion, would have been docketed before the Rule 52(b) cutoff period.
11. Appellant, realizing that the foregoing might result in a denial of the Motion to Amend, and to protect her rights of appeal, sent a notice of appeal on September 6, 2012 to protect the right to appeal.
12. Appellant moved this court to accept Appellant's Motion to Amend officially as of August 20, 2012.
13. The Dorchester Circuit Judge responded that the Circuit court lost its jurisdiction upon the filing of the Notice of Appeal. The judge also

acknowledged receipt of the Appellant's Motion to Amend on **September 17, 2012** (Exhibit E)

14. This Motion was filed to request this Court to release the appeal, and return this case back to the Dorchester Circuit court requesting the Dorchester Circuit judge to consider the Appellant's Motion to Amend.

MEMORANDUM

I. The Motion to Amend Was Served Timely.

SCRCP Rule 59(e), provides that a "motion to alter or amend the judgment shall be served not later than 10 days after entry of the judgment." Under Rule 59(f), when such a motion is made, the time for appeal from the judgment begins to run from the time of the order granting or denying the motion.

The Motion was served timely. Rule 6 governs service of motions, "Service by mail is complete upon mailing of all pleadings and papers subsequent to service of the original summons and complaint." SCRCP Rule 6(b)(1). The Motion should be ordered to be listed with a filing date of August 20, 2012.

II. The Circuit Court Should Order the Motion to Amend Be Filed as of August 20, 2012.

Rule 60(a), SCRCP, states:

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This is an inadvertent mistake or excusable neglect on the part of the Appellant. The Appellant had earlier sent motions including checks with blank amounts to the court, and the clerk has filled in the amount. There was no way the Appellant could know that this one time the clerk would refuse to fill in the amount, and instead of calling for alternate payment, return the entire pleadings.

"As applied to judgments and decrees, it is a mistake or omission by a clerk, counsel, judge or printer which is not the result of exercise of judicial function." Dion v. Ravenel, Eiserhardt Associates, 449 S.E.2d 251, 253, 316 S.C. 226 (S.C.App. 1994.) The clerk's decision to return the Motion to Amend was the clerk's own decision, but was not the result of any judicial function. Therefore this court has power to order the acceptance of the Motion to Amend on August 20, 2012. (Note that Judge Dickson acknowledged receipt through email as of August 17, 2012.)

"The error could have been corrected with rule 60(a) because it was a clerical error resulting in the miscalculation of the total award. And the purpose of

rule 60(b) is to avoid unnecessary appeals when errors can be easily corrected by the fact finder."

The error here can easily be corrected by this court, and should so be corrected.

III. RULE 1 COMPELS THE MOTION TO AMEND BE FILED DATED AUGUST 20, 2012

SCPRC Rule 1 states: "[The rules] shall be construed to secure the just, speedy, and inexpensive determination of every action. Acceptance of the Motion to Amend as of August 20, 2012 is the only way for Appellant to be able to secure the just, speedy and inexpensive determination of this action.

IV. THIS COURT HAS THE POWER TO RETURN THIS MATTER TO THE CIRCUIT COURT AND ORDER THE CIRCUIT COURT TO CONSIDER THE MOTION TO AMEND.

The Court of Appeals has the power to remand any matter to the Circuit Court for that court to act as directed by the Court of Appeals. E.g., Martin v. Paradise Cove Marina. Inc., 348 S.c. 379, 559 S.E.2d 348 (Ct. App. 2001).

CONCLUSION

Appellant prays that this court remand this case back to the Circuit Court with instructions to that court to consider the Motion to Amend.

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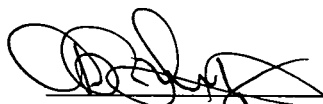
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Lundgren, Karen Denkowicz	Motion to Accept Filing with Memorandum	Motion		09/17/2012-12:20		
Lundgren, Karen Denkowicz	Affidavit/Affidavit of defendant's co-counsel	Filing		09/13/2012-11:09		
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Petersen, Michael G	Affidavit of Michael Sean Boger MD	Filing		03/09/2012-13:40		
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**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF DORCHESTER**

MICHAEL G PETERSEN

Plaintiff

v.

KAREN DENKOWICZ LUNDGREN

Defendant

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON
PLEAS
FIRST JUDICIAL COURT**

CIVIL ACTION NO 2008-CP-18-853

**MOTION TO ACCEPT FILING
WITH MEMORANDUM**

Defendant moves this court to accept the Defendant's Motion to Amend first received by this court on or about August 20, 2012 based on the submitted affidavits and the following.

FACTS

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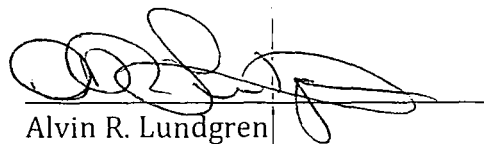
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CONCLUSION

Defendant prays that this court order the entry of Defendant's Motion to Amend be file dated August 20, 2012.

September 10, 2012



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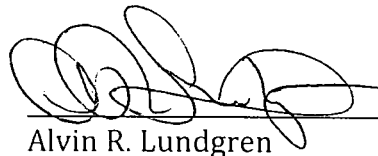
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Dated September 10, 2012



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EXHIBIT A

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF DORCHESTER

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

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CASE NO.: 2008-CP-18-853

MICHAEL G PETERSEN

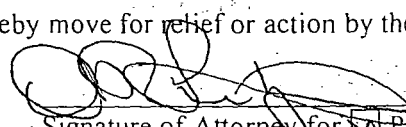
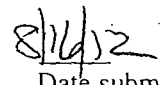
vs.

KAREN DENKOWICZ LUNDGREN

Cheryl Williams
Plaintiff
CLERK OF COURT
DORCHESTER COUNTY

MOTION AND ORDER INFORMATION
FORM AND COVERSHEET

Defendant.

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☐ MOTION HEARING REQUESTED (attach written motion and complete SECTIONS 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: _____ 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.			
 Signature of Attorney for ☒ Plaintiff / ☐ Defendant		 Date submitted	
SECTION III: Motion Fee			
☐ PAID - AMOUNT: \$ _____ ☐ 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, SCRPC) ☐ Proposed order submitted at request of the court; or, reduced to writing from motion made in open court per judge's instructions Name of Court Reporter: _____ ☐ Other: _____			
JUDGE'S SECTION			
☐ Motion Fee to be paid upon filing of the attached order. ☐ Other: _____		JUDGE CODE _____ Date: _____	
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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
FIRST JUDICIAL COURT

MICHAEL G PETERSEN

CIVIL ACTION NO 2008-CP-18-853

Plaintiff

Cheryl Graham
CLERK OF COURT
DORCHESTER COUNTY

DEFENDANT'S RULE 52(b) and 59(e)
MOTIONS TO AMEND FINDINGS
WITH MEMORANDUM

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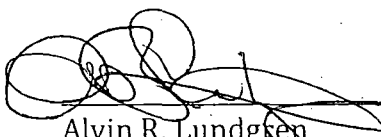
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JUDGE

Defendant

Defendant moves this request the trial court to alter or amend the judgment entered August 7, 2012, and also seek "reconsideration" of issues and arguments and request the court to amend its findings and reconsider its order pursuant to SCRCP Rules 52(b) and Rule 59(e) based on the attached memorandum.

Dated August 16, 2012



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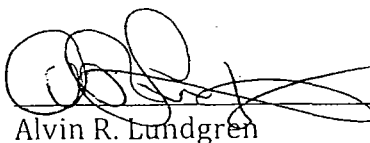
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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
FIRST JUDICIAL COURT

MICHAEL G PETERSEN

CIVIL ACTION NO 2008-CP-18-853

Plaintiff

Cheryl H. H. H.
CLERK OF COURT
DORCHESTER COUNTY

MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF
DEFENDANT'S RULE 52(b) and 59(e)
MOTIONS TO AMEND FINDINGS
WITH MEMORANDUM

v.

KAREN DENKOWICZ LUNDGREN

JUDGE

Defendant

This Court entered its Findings and Order on multiple motions on August 7, 2012. Defendant moves this court to amend its Findings and Order pursuant to Rules 52(b) and 59(e) of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure.

In South Carolina, a motion to alter or amend a judgment must be made pursuant to Rule 59(e) of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure in order to preserve error when the appellant has made an argument that the trial court has not explicitly ruled on in its trial order. The issue must be *explicitly* ruled upon. *Siau v. Kassel*, 369 S.C. 631, 632 S.E.2d 888, 894 (Ct.App. 2006) ("when an issue presented to the circuit court in a civil case is not explicitly ruled upon in the final order, the issue must be raised by an appropriate post-trial motion to be preserved for appellate review.")

Dictionary.com defines explicit:

1. *fully and clearly expressed or demonstrated; leaving nothing merely implied; unequivocal: explicit instructions*
2. *clearly developed or formulated:*

This memorandum suggests that the court's ruling was not "explicit" in context of the definition.

The following findings are requested to be amended: (The court's findings are *italicized*.)

1. *The record indicates that said [Defendant's] statements are not true and that Plaintiff does not have the STD at issue, Herpes Simplex II ("HSV" II).* Plaintiff submitted his own tests but repeatedly refused to submit to tests as demanded by Defendant. Defendant argues that Plaintiff could have taken suppressive substances to mask the diagnosis or that the testing was otherwise faulty. Without the tests requested by Defendant this question of fact is not resolved as the Plaintiff's submitted tests were self-serving. Thus there is a disputed question of fact that should have been resolved by ordering the Plaintiff to take the tests as requested by Defendant prior to making these finding of facts. The court's ruling contains no explicit consideration of whether the defendant is entitled to obtaining her own evidence as opposed to the self serving submissions of the Plaintiff, and without an opportunity for the Defendant to provide offsetting evidence.
2. *Defendant claims that her defamatory statements were protected as privileged statements. The privileges asserted by the Defendant are inapplicable to the repeated publications of the defamatory statements in this matter.* The court does not address any of the privilege claims asserted by the Defendant, instead summarily dismisses them and the case law supporting the privileges. Each alleged publication should have been analyzed in context of the asserted privilege, the facts and the law. This leaves disputed questions of fact regarding privileges with no explicit language.
3. *There is also no genuine issue as to material fact regarding Defendant' Counterclaims.* Defendant counterclaimed that she suffered assault with each outbreak of Herpes Simplex II Virus. The court did not address the counterclaim because it concluded that

the Plaintiff did not have HSV II. However, the court should reconsider this oversight as it re-evaluates whether the self serving tests should have been balanced by requiring the Plaintiff to submit to the tests demanded by Defendant.

4. *Personal jurisdiction is proper in South Carolina because the statements were published while Defendant was in South Carolina and Plaintiff's reputation was damaged in South Carolina.* There is no evidence that the statements were published in South Carolina by the Defendant. Neither is there evidence that the statements were published while the Defendant was in South Carolina. Defendant testified in her affidavits that she did not publish to her children while she was in South Carolina. That testimony was not refuted. At minimum this is a material fact in dispute. There was no explicit discussion on the jurisdictional issues.

a. There is no evidence that the statements were published while the Defendant was in South Carolina. The alleged statements include:

- i. To the parties' daughter Laura. Laura resides and has resided in Tennessee for the period covered by this lawsuit. Plaintiff does not provide evidence of any publishing in South Carolina.
- ii. To the parties' daughter Meagan – no evidence that she was the recipient of statements by the Defendant while the Defendant and Meagan were in South Carolina.
- iii. To the parties' son Steven. At the time that Defendant discussed her beliefs both Steven and the Defendant were in Utah. No evidence was

submitted opposing this fact asserted by Defendant. Steve forwarded the email containing the statements to his father. Steven may be responsible of re-publishing in South Carolina, but not the Defendant.

iv. The letter was not published while Defendant was in South Carolina.

5. *[D]efamation is a tort recognized by the State of South Carolina and therefore subject matter jurisdiction is proper and properly brought in the Court of Common Pleas.* To bring a defamation action in South Carolina there are prerequisites that are not present in this case. The court must have conclusive evidence that the alleged tort was published by Defendant while she was in South Carolina, see above.
6. The court did not consider the Defendant's arguments regarding the statute of limitations, laches and waiver. These should be addressed because they are material to the outcome of the case.
7. Summary judgment is not proper where there are questions of material fact at issue.
SCRCP 56. A material fact is that fact that could alter the outcome. The questions of material fact include:
 - a. Whether the Plaintiff's self serving tests would have been controverted by the Defendant's requested tests that the Plaintiff refused to take.
 - b. Whether the Defendant was in South Carolina when the alleged defamatory statements were made.
 - c. Whether the Defendant made defamatory statements that were published in South Carolina.
 - d. Whether personal jurisdiction was proper. The Defendant was not in South Carolina at the time the alleged publications occurred. Furthermore, there is no evidence that the alleged statements were delivered in South Carolina.

- e. Whether subject matter jurisdiction was proper.
- f. Therefore granting summary judgment was improper.

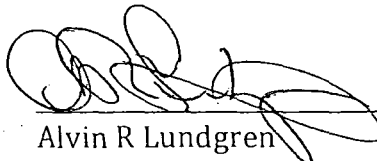
CONCLUSION

The court is requested to amend its findings under Rules Rules 52(b) and Rule 59(e), and with reference to the filed pleadings, affidavits and exhibits, particularly the affidavits filed by the Defendant.

WHEREFORE

The Defendant prays that the Court amend its findings consonant with the foregoing and in light of the evidence as submitted in this case.

Dated August 16, 2012



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EXHIBIT B

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September 18, 2012

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RE: Petersen v. Lundgren (08-CP-18-00853)

Dear Mr. Lundgren:

I have a copy of your Notice of Appeal dated September 16, 2012, that I assume you have filed properly.

Since this case is now on Appeal, I no longer have jurisdiction in this matter and cannot consider your motion.

Sincerely,

Edgar W. Dickson

EWD:pts

cc: Melanie Maes, Esquire
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APPEAL FROM DORCHESTER COUNTY Court of Common Pleas

Circuit Court Judge Edgar Dickson

CIVIL ACTION NO 2008-CP-18-853

Michael G Petersen (Appellee)

v.

Karen D. Lundgren (Appellant)

**AFFIDAVIT OF ALVIN R LUNDGREN IN SUPPORT OF
MOTION TO REMAND**

I, Alvin R. Lundgren, affirm under penalty of perjury that the following is true and correct of my own knowledge and belief:

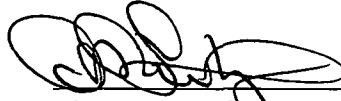
FACTS

1. I am an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Utah, acting pro hac vice with co counsel Wheeler Tillman who is licensed in the State of South Carolina.
2. The Dorchester court signed an order in the above case that was filed on August 9, 2012.
3. On behalf of Appellant I sent the Dorchester court a Motion to Amend, with a cover sheet motion and memorandum on August 16, 2012.
4. Included with the Motion to Amend was a check, signed, but without the amount filled out.
5. On behalf of Appellant I emailed these documents to the Dorchester Judge through court clerks Ms. Nicolette and Ms. Smith and to other counsel Ms. Maes and Mr. Tillman on August 16, 2012.

6. On or about August 20, 2012 the court clerk returned the documents Appellant sent with a "sticky note" from a court clerk that stated "we cannot accept a check without the amount filled out."
7. I had previously sent signed checks with a blank amount to this court, and the clerk accepted the filing and filled out the proper filing fee.
8. I returned the papers to the court and they were filed on or about August 30, 2012.
9. SCRCF Rule 52(b) requires that a Motion to Amend be filed 10 days after written receipt of the Order.
10. I received the written notice of the Order on August 13, 2012, therefore the Motion must have been filed on or before August 24, 2012.
11. Appellant's motion was timely deposited with the court, and but for the clerk returning the motion, would have been docketed before the Rule 52(b) cutoff period.
12. On behalf of Appellant, realizing that the foregoing might result in a denial of the Motion to Amend, and to protect her rights of appeal, I sent a notice of appeal on September 6, 2012 to protect the right to appeal.
13. Appellant moved the Dorchester court to accept Appellant's Motion to Amend officially as of August 20, 2012.
14. The Dorchester Circuit Judge responded that the Circuit court lost its jurisdiction upon the filing of the Notice of Appeal. The judge also acknowledged receipt of the Appellant's Motion to Amend on **September 17, 2012**

15. This Motion was filed to request this Court to release the appeal, and return this case back to the Dorchester Circuit court requesting the Dorchester Circuit judge to consider the Appellant's Motion to Amend.

October 1, 2012


Alvin R. Lundgren

STATE OF UTAH
COUNTY OF MORGAN

On the below date appeared Alvin R. Lundgren who being properly identified signed the foregoing affidavit before me.

Dated October 1, 2012

