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SC Court of Appeals

Tanya A. Gee, Circuit Court Judge

Case No. 2014-CP-40-03104
Appellate Case No. 2015-002485

Deborah S. Dubose,Appellant,

v.

Ashley C. Cone and Branch Bank & Trust Company, Defendants,

Of whom Ashley C. Cone isRespondent.

**MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE RESPONDENT'S INITIAL
BRIEF AND DESIGNATION OF MATTER**

Pursuant to Rules 240 and 263(b) of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules, Respondent Ashley C. Cone moves this Court for an order granting an extension of fifteen (15) days for the Respondent to file and serve his initial brief and designation of matter in the above-captioned appeal. This request is being made as the parties are in settlement negotiations. This is the Respondent's second request for an extension of time.

Respondent's initial brief and designation of matter are currently due on Wednesday, May 25, 2016. If the motion is granted, Respondent's initial brief and designation of matter will be due on Thursday, June 9, 2016.

Counsel for the Respondent has consulted with counsel for Appellant, and he has consented to this fifteen day extension.

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PROOF OF SERVICE

I certify that I have caused the service of the Motion for Extension of Time to File Respondent's Initial Brief and Designation of Matter on Appellant Deborah S. Dubose by having a copy of it deposited in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, on May 20, 2016, addressed to her attorneys of record, Pope D. Johnson, III, Attorney at Law, 1230 Richland Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201, and W. Steven Johnson and Arthur E. White, III, Todd & Johnson, LLP, Post Office Box 11262, Columbia, South Carolina 29211.

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May 19, 2016

BY HAND-DELIVERY

The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings
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Re: Deborah S. Dubose v. Ahley C. Cone and Branch Bank & Trust Company
Appellate Case No.: 2015-002485
SGSL No.: 6678/1500

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Enclosed are an original and seven (7) copies of Respondent's Motion for Extension of Time to File Respondent's Initial Brief and Designation of Matter in the above-referenced matter. Please file the original and return a filed-stamped copy to my office by our courier. Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$25.00 for the filing fee.

By copy of this letter to opposing counsel, I am notifying them of my communication with the Court.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter and please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Bess B. Kinn
Signing on behalf of Bess J. Durant
Bess J. DuRant

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