

The Supreme Court of South Carolina

Richard A. Sims, Petitioner,

v.

State of South Carolina, Respondent.

Appellate Case No. 2016-001568

Lower Court Case No. 2000-GS-36-00200

ORDER

Petitioner has filed a Notice of Appeal from a decision denying petitioner's motion for a new trial. A written order has not been issued. A notice of appeal shall be served on all respondents within thirty days after receipt of **written notice of entry of the order or judgment**. Rule 203(b)(1), SCACR. The written order is the trial judge's final order and constitutes the final judgment of the court. *Ford v. State Ethics Comm'n*, 344 S.C. 642, 545 S.E.2d 821 (2001). Because a written order has not yet been issued, the Notice of Appeal filed by petitioner was premature. Accordingly, the Notice of Appeal is dismissed without prejudice to petitioner's right to file a Notice of Appeal from the written order ruling on his motion for a new trial.

FOR THE COURT

BY Drenda J. Shealy
Chief Deputy CLERK

Columbia, South Carolina

August 1, 2016

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