

# The South Carolina Court of Appeals

United States of America, acting through the Farmers  
Home Administration, United States Department of  
Agriculture, Respondent,

v.

Maxie Lee Thomas, Jr. a/k/a Maxie Lee Thomas,  
deceased, and all other heirs at law and/or distributees of  
Maxie Lee Thomas, Jr. a/k/a Maxie Lee Thomas,  
deceased, his heirs, personal representatives, executors,  
administrators, successors and assigns, and any spouses if  
any he has, and all persons entitled to claim under or  
through him or any of them; all persons unknown  
claiming any right, title, estate, interest in or lien upon  
the real estate described in the Complaint herein; also any  
persons who may be in the military service of the United  
States of America, being a class designated as John Doe;  
and any unknown minors or persons under a disability  
being a class designated as Richard Roe; Laura Ann  
Toney; and Brittany Nichol Thomas, Defendants,

Of whom Laura Ann Toney is the Appellant.

Appellate Case No. 2016-001791

The Honorable Stephen Bryan Doby  
Lee County  
Trial Court Case No. 2009CP3100131

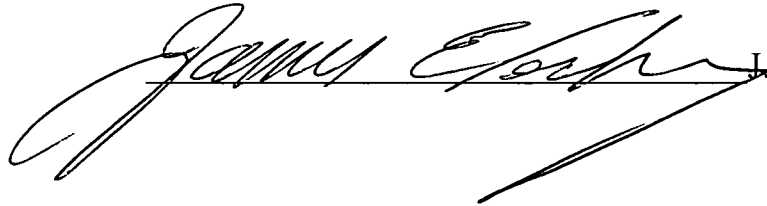
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ORDER

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The appellant filed this notice of appeal from an order of the circuit court denying her motion to recuse the master-in-equity. "A denial of a motion for the disqualification of a judge is an interlocutory order not affecting the merits, and, thus, is reviewable only on appeal from a final order." *Townsend v. Townsend*, 323 S.C. 309, 312, 474 S.E.2d 424, 427 (1996). Accordingly, this appeal is dismissed. The remittitur will be sent as provided by Rule 221(b) of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules.

FOR THE COURT

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James E. Cook", written over a horizontal line.

Columbia, South Carolina

cc:  
Laura Ann Toney  
Taylor Anthony Peace, Esquire

**FILED**

September 2, 2016