

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
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United States District Court for the District of South Carolina

Patrick Michael Duffy, Senior U.S. District Judge

Appellate Case No. 2016-001766

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S.C. SUPREME COURT

Paul Chenard and Rebecca Chenard, Plaintiffs,

v.

Hilton Head Island Development Company, LLC,
d/b/a Coral Resorts and Sunrise Vacation Properties, Ltd.,
d/b/a Coral Resorts, Defendants.

James Nichols and Irene Nichols, Plaintiffs,

v.

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Sunrise Vacation Properties, Ltd., Sherri J. Smith,
Patrick Budnick, and Robert Lauderman, Defendants.

v.

Linda Renchkovsky, Plaintiff,

v.

Coral Resorts, LLC, and Sunrise Vacation Properties
Ltd., d/b/a Coral Resorts, Defendants.

Robert Curry, Jr. and Monica R. Curry, Plaintiffs,

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Hilton Head Island Development Company, LLC
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Charles Olenick and Karen Maniscalco, Plaintiffs,

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Phillip Ross and Kimberly Ross, Plaintiffs,

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Sunrise Vacation Properties, Ltd., Sherri J. Smith,
David Watson and Sheldon Stanhope, Defendants.

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE AMICUS CURIAE BRIEF

Pursuant to Rule 213, SCACR, the Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce (“the Chamber”) respectfully requests this Court’s permission to file and serve a brief in this matter as amicus curiae. A copy of the Chamber’s proposed brief is attached. The Chamber makes this request on the following grounds:

1. Founded in 1938, the Chamber is a South Carolina tax-exempt, 501(c)(6) organization that represents the interests of businesses in the Myrtle Beach area. The Chamber currently represents more than 2,700 businesses with more than 46,000 employees. The Chamber’s mission and purpose is to promote, protect and improve the business community of the Myrtle Beach and Grand Strand area.

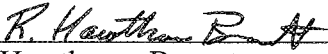
2. The Myrtle Beach area is home to a large number of timeshare properties, and the Chamber represents the interests of many timeshare businesses. In addition, numerous

other businesses represented by the Chamber depend upon a successful tourism and vacation trade, which these timeshare businesses promote.

3. This appeal raises issues concerning the scope of the South Carolina Real Estate Time Sharing Act, S.C. Code § 27-32-10, *et seq.* (“the Timeshare Act”). The Court’s decision(s) on those issues will impact the timeshare businesses represented by the Chamber, as well as countless other businesses that depend upon the existence of a vibrant tourism and vacation industry in the Myrtle Beach area. Thus, the Chamber has an interest in presenting its views to the Court on behalf of its member businesses.

4. As indicated by the attachment to this motion, the Chamber’s proposed brief is drafted and can be filed and served within one calendar day of an order by this Court granting leave to file.

Therefore, the Chamber respectfully requests that the Court grant it permission to file and serve an amicus curiae brief in this action. A copy of the proposed amicus curiae brief is attached as an exhibit to this motion.



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PROOF OF SERVICE

The undersigned, an attorney in this matter for amicus curiae Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce, certifies that I have this **20th day of January, 2017**, served copies of a **Motion for Leave to File Amicus Curiae Brief** upon all other counsel of record by causing them to be deposited in the U.S. mail with sufficient postage, addressed to:

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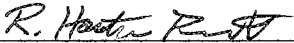
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