

The Supreme Court of South Carolina

Theodore G. Hartsock, Jr., as Personal Representative of the Estate of Sarah Mills Hartsock (Estate of Sarah Mills Hartsock), Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

Goodyear Dunlop Tires North America Ltd., a foreign corporation; Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, a foreign corporation, Defendants-Appellants.

Appellate Case No. 2016-002398

ORDER

Pursuant to Rule 244, SCACR, the Court will answer the following question certified to this Court by order of the Honorable Dennis W. Shedd, the Honorable Barbara M. Keenan, and the Honorable Andre M. Davis, United States Court of Appeals Judges for the Fourth Circuit:

Does South Carolina recognize an evidentiary privilege for trade secrets?

The parties shall proceed to serve and file briefs as provided by Rule 244(e), SCACR. Rule 244 does not provide for the filing of initial briefs; therefore, only final briefs should be filed in this matter.



FOR THE COURT C.J.

Columbia, South Carolina

March 3, 2017

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