

The Supreme Court of South Carolina

Government Employees Insurance Company, Plaintiff,

v.

Jack A. Poole, individually and as Personal
Representative of the Estate of Jennifer Knight Poole,
Defendant.

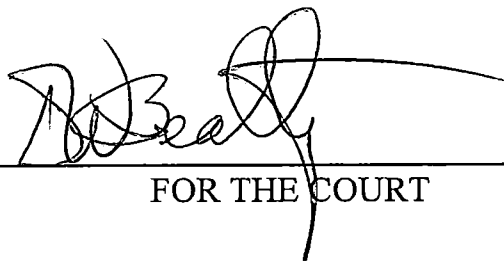
Appellate Case No. 2017-001540

ORDER

Pursuant to Rule 244, SCACR, the Court will answer the following question certified to this Court by order of the Honorable Joseph F. Anderson, United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina, Senior U.S. District Judge:

Under South Carolina law, when an insured seeks coverage under an automobile insurance policy, must punitive damages be apportioned pro rata between those sustained for bodily injury and those sustained for property damage where the insurance policy is a split limits policy?

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.



C.J.

FOR THE COURT

Columbia, South Carolina

September 7, 2017

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The Honorable Mary Floyd

The Honorable Joseph F. Anderson, Jr.