

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In the Supreme Court

RECEIVED

OCT 16 2017

S.C. SUPREME COURT

APPEAL FROM BEAUFORT COUNTY
Court of Common Pleas

Michael G. Nettles, Circuit Court Judge

Appellate Case No. 2016-000460

Ex parte South Carolina Press Association, Movant

DomainsNewMedia.com, LLC, Respondent

Vs.

Hilton Head Island-Bluffton Chamber of Commerce, Appellant

**MOTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA PRESS ASSOCIATION
FOR LEAVE TO FILE BRIEF AS AMICUS CURIAE**

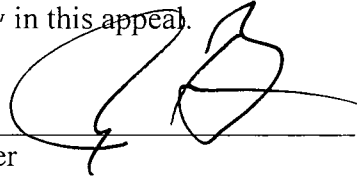
The South Carolina Press Association (SCPA) is a South Carolina not-for-profit corporation having as its members ninety-nine (99) newspapers published in South Carolina.

From its adoption through the present SCPA has engaged in lobbying the General Assembly with respect to the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act, devoted resources to the education of the public and public officials regarding requirements of the Act, and engaged in trial and appellate litigation to enforce the Act. Members of SCPA were respondents in the seminal decision of this court in *Weston v. Carolina Research and Development Foundation*, 303 S.C. 398, 401 S.E.2d 161 (1991), a decision central to the issue pending before the court in the

within appeal. SCPA believes that its analysis of the *Weston* decision as it relates to the issue before the court may be of value to the court, and accordingly seeks leave to file the attached brief as *amicus curiae*. No member of SCPA is a party in this appeal.

Columbia, South Carolina

October 16, 2017



Jay Bender
BAKER, RAVENEL & BENDER, L.L.P.
3710 Landmark Dr., Suite 400
Post Office Box 8057
Columbia, SC 29202
803.799.9091 (telephone)
803.779.3423 (facsimile)
jbender@brblegal.com
ATTORNEYS FOR SOUTH CAROLINA
PRESS ASSOCIATION

RECEIVED

OCT 16 2017

S.C. SUPREME COURT

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In the Supreme Court

APPEAL FROM BEAUFORT COUNTY
Court of Common Pleas

Michael G. Nettles, Circuit Court Judge

Appellate Case No. 2016-000460

DomainsNewMedia.com, LLC, Respondent

Vs.

Hilton Head Island-Bluffton Chamber of Commerce, Appellant

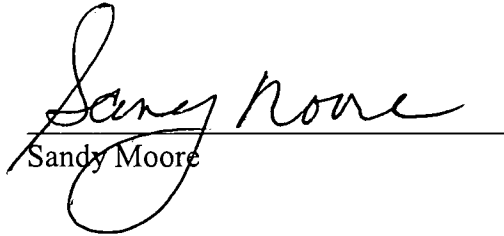
PROOF OF SERVICE

I certify that I have served a copy of South Carolina Press Association's Motion of Leave to File Brief as Amicus Curiae with proposed Brief on October 16, 2017, by causing a copy of same to be deposited in the United States Mail, proper postage prepaid, addressed as follows:

Robert E. Stepp, Esquire
Tina M. Cundari, Esquire
Bess J. DuRant, Esquire
Sowell Gray Stepp & Laffitte, LLC
P.O. Box 11449
Columbia, SC 29211

William W. Wilkins, Esquire
Kirsten E. Small, Esquire
Nexsen Pruet, LLC
P.O. Drawer 10648
Greenville, SC 29603

Andrew S. Radeker, Esquire
Taylor M. Smith, IV, Esquire
Harrison & Radeker, P.A.
P.O. Box 50143
Columbia, SC 29250


Sandy Moore