

The South Carolina Court of Appeals

Susan Harrison and Christopher Jones, Plaintiffs,

Of whom Christopher Jones is the Appellant,

v.

Mitch Eugene Davis a/k/a Mitch Davis a/k/a Michael
Davis, Respondent.

Appellate Case No. 2018-000625

ORDER

On February 1, 2016, Plaintiffs served and filed a complaint in the circuit court. On February 22, 2018, the circuit court ordered all plaintiffs to retain an attorney of record. The circuit court warned that if the plaintiffs failed to have an attorney of record within twenty days of the date of the hearing, their suit would be dismissed with prejudice. On April 5, 2018, the circuit court issued an order dismissing the case with prejudice because no attorney of record made an appearance on behalf of the plaintiffs. The order also reinstated Respondent as pastor of the congregation "as the congregation existed at the time and date of [Respondent's] removal." This appeal followed. On April 26, 2018, Appellant filed a petition for supersedeas, requesting this court to issue a stay in order to preserve the status quo. After careful consideration, the April 5, 2018 order is temporarily stayed pending this court's receipt and review of a return and any reply. Respondent's return shall be served and filed by May 7, 2018. Any reply shall be served and filed by May 14, 2018.

Pursuant to Rule 207(a)(1) of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules, Appellant is required within ten days after service of the notice of appeal to make satisfactory arrangements with the court reporter for furnishing the transcript of the entire proceedings below. Accordingly, within ten days of the date of this order, Appellant shall provide proof the transcript has been ordered. Upon receipt of the transcript from the court reporter, Appellant shall file one copy with this court.

Stephanie P. McDonald

FOR THE COURT

Columbia, South Carolina

cc:

Christopher Jones

James P. O'Connell, Esquire

FILED

April 27, 2018