

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In The Court of Appeals

Susan Harrison, Christopher Jones, Connie McKee,
and Desimber Wattleton-Jones, Plaintiffs,

Of Whom Christopher Jones and Desimber Wattleton-Jones,
Are the Appellants

v.

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

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2018-000625

APPELLANT'S STATUS UPDATE

Appellant's Christopher Jones and Desimber Wattleton-Jones provide this update regarding the status of the captioned case as follows:

1. Appellants received the Order from the South Carolina Court of Appeals dated May 14, 2018 stating Case No. 2018-000871 and 2018-000625 were consolidated, that the Petition for Supersedes would be remanded to Circuit Court for appropriate action, that the Appeal would be held in abeyance, and that the Temporary Stay would remain in effect pending the issuance of an Order from the Circuit Court.
2. On May 17, 2018, a Mediator's Certificate of Completion was filed for Case No. 2016-CP-37-00060 by Mediator Rory D. Whelehan, which stated in pertinent part that a mediation was completed on July 28, 2017, and that the outcome was "***The matter has not been resolved, the matter is at an impasse, and should proceed to trial.***"

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3. On May 17, 2018, a Notice of Motions Roster Publication was sent electronically and via U.S. Mail from the Circuit Court notifying all parties of a hearing scheduled for June 4th, 2018.
4. On June 4, 2018 a hearing was held with the Honorable Judge J. Cordell Maddox. During this hearing Respondent's Attorney, James P. O'Connell requested a Lift of Stay, requested that the Respondent Michael Davis be allowed to return as Pastor of the Church pending the outcome of the case with the Appeals Court, and inquired regarding whether the Court could set aside a deed to the property, which is currently owned by The Rural Economic Development Corporation, implying that it may be improper and that it was filed with the Oconee County Register of Deeds in March 2018.

The Appellants responded that the transfer of the property to the Rural Economic Development Corporation was legal and binding, having taken place by way of a unanimous congregational vote in February 2017, and being that a 2/3 majority vote was required, that Mr. Davis has not been present at the church for over two years, but that the presence of Mr. Davis would have been inconsequential to the outcome. (The Resolution Signed by the Officers of the Church, Witnessed, Dated and Sealed by a Notary Public is a matter of public record available with the Oconee County Register of Deeds Office). The Appellants restated and affirmed they are appearing Pro Se, representing themselves in their individual capacity as Members, regarding their individual vote to terminate Mr. Davis as the Pastor of The Cornerstone Cathedral (formerly Truth Outreach of West Union).

Judge Maddox stated to all parties that he had actually scheduled the hearing to correct the Order issued on April 5, 2018. Specifically, Judge Maddox stated he wanted to correct on the record any references to restoring Mr. Davis to any positions or possession of any property with assistance from Law Enforcement. Judge Maddox stated that he did not read the entire Order as submitted by Mr. O'Connell, and that the Order was intended to be purely administrative in nature, based upon the fact that an Attorney had not appeared on behalf of the church itself.

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COUNTY OF OCONEE)
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Susan Harrison and Christopher Jones,)
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Plaintiffs)
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v.)
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Mitchell Eugene Davis a/k/a Mitch)
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Davis and Michael Davis,)
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Defendants)

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

CASE NO. 2016-CP-37-00060

MEDIATOR'S CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

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In accordance with South Carolina Alternate Disposition Rules, the undersigned mediator reports that mediation was completed on July 28, 2017 and resolved in the following manner:

(a) The following individuals were present:

SUSAN HARRISON

JAMES P. O'CONNELL

Attorney for Defendant MICHAEL DAVIS

DESIMBER WATTLETON-JONES

MICHAEL DAVIS

MARIA DAVIS

(b) The following parties *failed to appear and/or participate*:

CHRISTOPHER JONES failed to appear and participate

(c) The outcome of the mediation conference was:

___ The matter has been completely resolved and counsel (or parties) have been instructed to file an appropriate stipulation and proposed order within twenty (20) days of the conference.

___ The matter has been partially resolved and counsel (or parties) have been instructed to file an appropriate stipulation and proposed order regarding those claims or issues which have been resolved within twenty (20) days.

___ The following issues remain for this court to resolve:

The matter has not been resolved, the matter is at an impasse, and should proceed to trial.

___ OTHER:

Dated: May 21, 2018

/s/ Rory D. Whelehan, Mediator
Mediator: Rory D. Whelehan
Womble Bond Dickinson
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defendant, et al

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Amanda Watkins

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The following people were served electronically:

David Allen Anderson

Rory Delaney Whelehan

James P. O'Connell for Michael Davis, Mitchell
Eugene-aka Davis, Mitch Davis

The following people have not been served electronically by the Court. Therefore, they must be served by traditional means:

Elizabeth Estes for Elizabeth Estes

Christopher Jones for Christopher Jones

Connie McKee for Connie McKee

Christopher Jones for Christopher Jones

Elizabeth Estes for Elizabeth Estes

Susan Harrison for Susan Harrison

Connie McKee for Connie McKee

Susan Harrison for Susan Harrison

**OCONEE COUNTY COMMON PLEAS COURT
HEARING COVER SHEET**

JUDGE:	J Cordell Maddox, Jr.
DATE:	06/04/2018
DOCKET #:	2016CP3700060
NATURE OF HEARING:	Judge To Amend Final Order
PLAINTIFF:	Susan Harrison; et al
PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY:	Pro Se
DEFENDANT:	Michael Davis; et al
DEFENDANT'S ATTORNEY:	James P O'Connell, Esq.

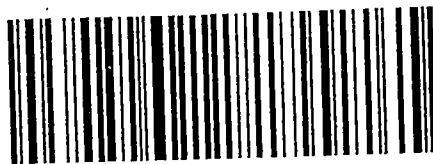
NOTES: Judge held hearing to amend Order of Dismissal filed 4/5/18; to remove provision of law enforcement involvement. Dismissal was an administrative dismissal. Judge to prepare amended Order of Dismissal.

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