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The Honorable Jeanette W. McBride  
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## REMITTITUR

Re: South State Bank v. Three Amigos Land Co.  
Lower Court Case No. 2014CP4605683  
Appellate Case No. 2016-001521

Dear Clerk of Court:

The above referenced matter is hereby remitted to the lower court or tribunal. A copy of the judgment of this Court is enclosed.

Very truly yours,

*V. Claire Allen, Deputy*

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Enclosure

cc: Paul V. Degenhart, Esquire  
W. Cliff Moore, III, Esquire

THIS OPINION HAS NO PRECEDENTIAL VALUE. IT SHOULD NOT BE  
CITED OR RELIED ON AS PRECEDENT IN ANY PROCEEDING  
EXCEPT AS PROVIDED BY RULE 268(d)(2), SCACR.

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
In The Court of Appeals

South State Bank f/k/a SCBT, a South Carolina state  
chartered banking corporation, d/b/a First Federal, a  
Division of SCBT, Respondent,

v.

Three Amigos Land Co., LLC, a South Carolina limited  
liability company; River City Storage, LLC, a Florida  
limited liability company; Ramco River City, Inc., a  
Michigan corporation; Liberty River City Residential,  
LLC, a Florida limited liability company; Ramco  
Jacksonville, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company;  
George M. Lee, III, an individual; and Paul V.  
Degenhart, an individual, Defendants,

Of Whom Paul V. Degenhart is the Appellant.

Appellate Case No. 2016-001521

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Appeal From Richland County  
D. Craig Brown, Circuit Court Judge

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**AFFIRMED**

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Paul V. Degenhart, of Columbia, pro se.

bound by [a] judgment rendered in another [s]tate, it may inquire into the jurisdictional basis of the foreign court's decree."); *V.L.*, 136 S.Ct. at 1020 ("That jurisdictional inquiry, however, is a limited one."); *Milliken v. Meyer*, 311 U.S. 457, 462 (1940) ("[I]f the judgment on its face appears to be a 'record of a court of general jurisdiction, such jurisdiction over the cause and the parties is to be presumed unless disproved by extrinsic evidence, or by the record itself.'" (quoting *Adam v. Saenger*, 303 U.S. 59, 62 (1938))); *English v. McCrary*, 348 So. 2d 293, 297 (Fla. 1977) ("In [Florida], circuit courts are superior courts of general jurisdiction, and nothing is intended to be outside their jurisdiction except that which clearly and specially appears so to be."); Fla. Const. art. V, § 5 ("The circuit courts shall have original jurisdiction not vested in the county courts . . . ."); Fla. Stat. § 34.01(1)(c) (2004) (providing Florida county courts have original jurisdiction of actions at law in which the matter in controversy does not exceed \$15,000.00).

3. Because the Florida circuit court had personal and subject matter jurisdiction, this court is precluded from inquiring into the merits of the underlying deficiency judgment. *See V.L.*, 136 S.Ct. at 1020 ("With respect to [foreign] judgments, 'the full faith and credit obligation is exacting.'" (quoting *Baker*, 522 U.S. at 233)); *Baker*, 522 U.S. at 233 ("A final judgment in one [s]tate, if rendered by a court with adjudicatory authority over the subject matter and persons governed by the judgment, qualifies for recognition throughout the land."); *V.L.*, 136 S.Ct. at 1020 ("A [s]tate may not disregard the judgment of a sister [s]tate because it disagrees with the reasoning underlying the judgment or deems it to be wrong on the merits."); *id.* ("On the contrary, 'the full faith and credit clause of the Constitution precludes any inquiry into the merits of the cause of action, the logic or consistency of the decision, or the validity of the legal principles on which the judgment is based.'" (quoting *Milliken*, 311 U.S. at 462)).

**AFFIRMED.**

**SHORT, THOMAS, and HILL, JJ., concur.**