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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 Supreme Court**

Ex Parte:
John Hughes Cooper, Appellant,

In Re:
Betty Fisher and Lisa Fisher, Plaintiffs,

v.

Bessie Huckabee, Kay Passailaigue Slade, and Sandra
Byrd, Respondents.

Appellate Case No. 2018-000662

Appeal From Charleston County
Thomas L. Hughston, Jr., Circuit Court Judge

Memorandum Opinion No. 2018-MO-040
Heard November 28, 2018 – Filed December 12, 2018

REVERSED

Barbara Marie Seymour, of Clawson & Staubes, LLC, of
Columbia, for Appellant.

Warren W. Wills III, of the Law Office of W. Westbrook
II, of Folly Beach, and Jessica Lynn Crowley, of
Crowley Law Firm, LLC, of Charleston, for
Respondents.

PER CURIAM: John Hughes Cooper was held jointly and severally liable for a sanctions award in the amount of \$170,623.68 in attorneys' fees under the South Carolina Frivolous Civil Proceedings Sanctions Act (FCPSA)¹ and Rule 11, SCACR, in connection with his representation of Lisa and Betty Fisher in cases involving the estate of Alice Shaw-Baker. We have painstakingly reviewed the record and find there is no evidence to support an award of sanctions or a finding of misconduct against Cooper. We therefore reverse all judgments against Cooper pursuant to Rule 220(b)(1), SCACR. This case is concluded.

REVERSED.

BEATTY, C.J., KITTREDGE, HEARN, FEW and JAMES, JJ., concur.

¹ See S.C. Code Ann. §§ 15-36-10 to -100 (Supp. 2018).