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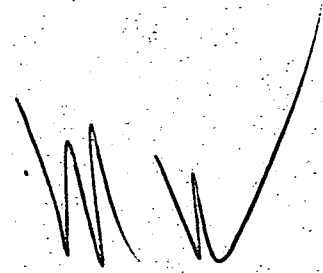
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The Record clearly shows (Hearing Transcript, pg. 42 lines 12-13), R.751 that the trial court relied only on what the Respondent Counsel Mr. Brackett's statements of fact of what was on file in the case instead of looking at the record; "and in making this ruling, the court adopts the arguments made by defendant on that motion."

Mr. Brackett tries to get around what the trial court actually stated on the record by trying to say the court meant something else, when it is obvious from the record that the trial court only relied on argument instead of evidence. *Statements of counsel are not evidence*, and where a trial court bases a decision on argument, instead of facts, reversible error occurs; Gilmore v. Ivey, 290 S.C. 53, 348 S. E.2d 180 and McManus v. Bank of Greenwood, 171 S.C. 84, 171 S.E. 473 (1933).

Respectfully submitted,

This 05 day of January, 2013.



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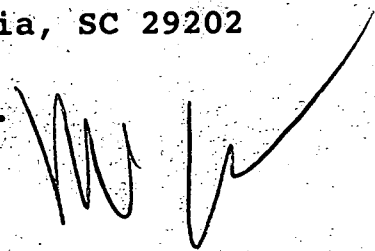
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