

# The South Carolina Court of Appeals

Deborah B. Harwell, Respondent/Appellant,

v.

Robert Bryan Harwell, individually and as the Personal Representative of the Estate of David W. Harwell; And the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, Division of Vital Records, Defendants,

Of whom Robert Bryan Harwell, individually and as the Personal Representative of the Estate of David W. Harwell is the Respondent/Appellant,

v.

Law Office of Deidre W. Edmunds, P.A and Deidre W. Edmunds, Individually, Appellants/Respondents.

Appellate Case No. 2017-002290

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## ORDER


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Appellant has filed an "Emergency Motion for Stay until Court Appoints Qualified Counsel," which we construe as a motion for an extension and a motion to appoint counsel. Appellant's motion to appoint counsel is denied. *See* Rule 608(g), SCACR (providing that counsel should not be appointed for an indigent unless the indigent has a right to appointed counsel under the state or federal constitution, a statute, a court rule, or the case law of this State); *Ex parte Dibble*, 279 S.C. 592, 310 S.E.2d 440 (Ct. App. 1983) (holding there is no constitutional right to counsel in civil cases).<sup>1</sup> Appellant's request for an extension is granted. Appellant shall

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<sup>1</sup> To the extent Appellant is requesting assistance in obtaining counsel, we note that the South Carolina Bar's Lawyer Referral Service provides such assistance.

serve and file the amended record on appeal within thirty days of this order.

  
FOR THE COURT

Columbia, South Carolina

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