

# The South Carolina Court of Appeals

Donald Stanley and Sean Reiter, Individually and as  
Class Representatives, Respondents,

v.

Southern States Police Benevolent Association, Inc.,  
Appellant.

Appellate Case No. 2019-000182

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## ORDER

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Appellant has filed a petition to rehear the dismissal of this appeal, arguing the circuit court's class certification order is immediately appealable. Although such orders are generally not immediately appealable, upon further review we note the circuit court's order also prohibits the parties from communicating "with the class members regarding this class action and the allegations contained herein" until notice of the action is given to the class members in a manner determined by the court. This prohibition is injunctive in nature, and the circuit court's order is therefore immediately appealable. *See Eldridge v. City of Greenwood*, 308 S.C. 125, 127, 417 S.E.2d 532, 534 (1992) (finding an order prohibiting the plaintiffs from contacting potential class members "was in the nature of an injunction" and immediately appealable); *Atwood Agency v. Black*, 374 S.C. 68, 70 n.1, 646 S.E.2d 882, 883 n.1 (2007) ("An order granting a temporary injunction is directly appealable."). Accordingly, Appellant's petition for rehearing is granted and the appeal is reinstated.

  
FOR THE COURT

Columbia, South Carolina

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