

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF RICHLAND

Carmen Morgan,

Plaintiff,

-vs-

Kelly Seabrook,

Defendant.

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Docket Number: 2017-CP-40-05418

ORDER

Judge: Honorable Casey L. Manning
Plaintiff: Pro Se
Defendant: Pro Se
Date of Hearing: April 19, 2019
Type of Hearing: Fee Dispute

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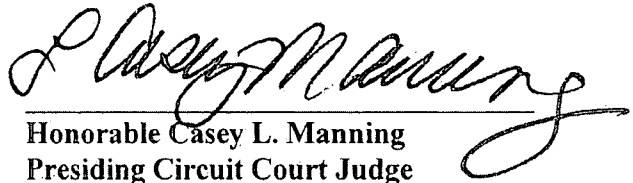
SC Court of Appeals

The Plaintiff in this matter filed a Civil Action Coversheet along with a written request to appeal the decision of the Fee Dispute Board on September 8, 2017. At the call of the case, the Plaintiff was present, appearing pro se, along with the Defendant, who also appeared without counsel. Based upon the evidence presented to me, I hereby make the following findings of fact and conclusions of law.

I find that the Plaintiff retained the Defendant to represent her in an effort to regain custody of her minor child on October 15, 2012. I find that the Defendant was relieved as the Plaintiff's counsel in May of 2013 by mutual consent. I find that the Plaintiff filed an application for resolution of a disputed fee with the board on March 27, 2017, approximately four years after the Defendant was relieved as her attorney. I find that the Plaintiff has not submitted any evidence that she disputed the Defendant's billing practices prior to that time.

I find that the Fee Dispute Board issued a ruling stating that the Defendant's billing of attorney fees in this case was completely proper and accurate. It was further stated that the amount of time the Defendant spent performing the tasks for which she was hired was appropriate and reasonable. I find that the Plaintiff has not offered any evidence or presented any compelling argument which would overturn the decision of the Fee Dispute Board.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the decision of the Fee Dispute Board is hereby **AFFIRMED**.



Honorable Casey L. Manning
Presiding Circuit Court Judge
Fifth Judicial Circuit

Columbia, South Carolina

June 13, 2019