

The Supreme Court of South Carolina

Teresa B. Yates, individually and as Personal
Representative of the Estate of Gerald w. Yates, Plaintiff,

v.

Metropolitan Life Insurance Company and Jane A. Yates,
Defendants.

Appellate Case No. 2019-001264

ORDER

Pursuant to Rule 244, SCACR, the Court will answer the following question certified to this Court by order of the Honorable Mary Geiger Lewis, United States District Court for the District of South Carolina, Columbia Division:

Is S.C. Code Ann. § 62-2-507 [(the revocation statute)] to be applied so that a divorce occurring prior to the revocation statute's effective date of January 1, 2014, revokes any beneficiary designation made prior to the divorce by the divorced individual to the divorced individual's former spouse?

The parties shall proceed to serve and file briefs as provided by Rule 244(e), SCACR. The parties are reminded Rule 244, SCACR, does not provide for the filing of initial brief; therefore, only final briefs should be filed in this matter.



FOR THE COURT C.J.

Columbia, South Carolina

September 19, 2019

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The Honorable Mary Geiger Lewis