

The Supreme Court of South Carolina

Eric Ragsdale, Appellant,

v.

Mark Keel, Chief, State Law Enforcement Division, and
the State of South Carolina, Respondents.

Appellate Case No. 2019-000691

ORDER

We initially submitted this case without oral argument pursuant to Rule 215, SCACR. However, we believe oral argument may be beneficial, and accordingly, we set this case for argument during the June 2020 Term of Court.

Further, we instruct the parties to file additional briefing addressing Appellant's due process argument, particularly in light of recent case law from across the country—see, e.g., *Doe v. Dep't of Pub. Safety*, 444 P.3d 116 (Alaska 2019) and cases cited therein—discussing whether the absence of a procedure to permit sex offenders to petition for removal from lifetime registration violates due process, either under the federal or state constitution. While we express no opinion at this juncture, we request the parties address these concerns in their supplemental briefing. We will rely on the parties' previously submitted briefs as to Appellant's other claims.

Appellant shall serve and file a brief on this issue within twenty (20) days of the date of this order. Thereafter, respondent shall have thirty (30) days to serve and file its brief. Appellant shall then have ten (10) days to serve and file a reply brief if he chooses to do so.



C.J.

FOR THE COURT

Columbia, South Carolina

February 19, 2020

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