

EXHIBIT A



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RE: GEICO v. BARBARA P. JACKSON
2019 CP-26-0928
RULING ON MOTION TO MODIFY

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I have considered the motions and thank you for your patience. I offer the following rulings in perhaps random order. However, I wish to preface the rulings by stating that I am guided by Judge Ferrell Cothran's order of June 21, 2017 wherein he states, on page 3, "...the court further finds that by agreement and previous court order there is only one issue remaining to be decided in this case and that issue is: whether Mr. Jackson was a resident of his parents'...home at 9 Brown Street, Sumter, South Carolina at the time of his death of January 17, 2014." Thusly, it is that precise issue, and indeed a precise issue, that I use as an aid in addressing the motions.

DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO EXCLUDE EVIDENCE OF FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT DOCUMENTS: I respectfully deny this motion. The documents will be offered, as I see it, to show that the deceased provided the address where he was living when he died and before his death. While I appreciate the well stated arguments related to perjury, the items are offered for the reason stated above. And, presumably Mr. Jackson told the truth or stated the truth on the form. Again the issue is residence here. I further adopt the position of Mr. Murphy offered at the hearing.

DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO EXCLUDE DEATH CERTIFICAGTE AND CORONER'S TESITMONY: I respectfully deny this motion. For the sake of time here, I adopt the reasons and arguments offered by Mr. Smith at the hearing.

DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO EXCLUDE THE ARREST AND BOOKING REPORT OF MR. JACKSON: I am at my home as I work on these rulings. Simply too hot at courthouse. I will issue this ruling tomorrow before the trial. I want to look at the case law. I will say, though, that I am leaning toward exclusion here. But, I have not ruled yet.

PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO EXCLUDE TESTIMONY OF DR. PITNER: I grant this motion. The issue is residence and I simply do not see where this testimony is needed by the jury. I adopt the arguments of Mr. Murphy.

RULINGS REGARDING TRIAL AND JURY INSTRUCTIONS: At the end of the hearing today topics regarding the trial and charges were mentioned. I address those as I recall them. First, and again making reference to the prior order that clearly stated the sole and single issue, there will be no mention of money or limits or the use of insurance policies at trial or as charges.

If I missed a ruling please pardon me and tell me. As I said so many times in my prior life in family court and now after two years in circuit court, the most distasteful part of my job is issuing rulings against or not in favor shall I say of lawyers who work so hard representing their clients. Thusly, I offer these rulings above against that sentiment.

I will see you tomorrow. Thank you for your patience and most of all your civility.

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