

# The South Carolina Court of Appeals

Bettis C. Rainsford, Appellant,

v.

Apex Bank, Jim Clayton, Matt Daniels, and Brad Hailey,  
Defendants,

Of whom, Matt Daniels and Brad Hailey are the  
Respondents.

Appellate Case No. 2019-001689

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## ORDER

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The appellant filed a copy of an order issued by the Chief Justice providing "absolute protection [to appellant's counsel] from being called to a deposition, or a trial or a hearing in any court of this State." Although the Court interprets the Chief Justice's order as providing protection from being called to appear in court, we construe the appellant's filing as a request for an extension of time to file the appellant's initial brief and designation of matter. In response, the respondents filed a motion to dismiss the appeal for failure to timely file the appellant's initial brief. The appellant filed a return, asking the Court to consider counsel's request for legislative protection. After careful consideration, the motion to dismiss is denied, and the appellant's request for an extension of time is granted. The appellant's initial brief and designation of matter are due to be served and filed within forty-five days of the date of this order.

  
\_\_\_\_\_, C.J.  
FOR THE COURT

Columbia, South Carolina

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**FILED**

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