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Re: Federal National Mortgage Association v. Richard C. Ivey  
Appellate Case No. 2018-000539

Dear Counsel:

Enclosed is the decision of the Court. The remittitur will be sent as provided by Rule 221(b) of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules.

Very truly yours,

*V. Claire Allen*

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cc: The Honorable Dale Edward Van Slambrook

**THIS OPINION HAS NO PRECEDENTIAL VALUE. IT SHOULD NOT BE  
CITED OR RELIED ON AS PRECEDENT IN ANY PROCEEDING  
EXCEPT AS PROVIDED BY RULE 268(d)(2), SCACR.**

**THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
In The Court of Appeals**

Federal National Mortgage Association ("Fannie Mae"),  
Respondent,

v.

Richard C. Ivey a/k/a Richard Curtis Ivey; Crowfield  
Plantation Community Services Association, Inc.;  
Unifund CCR Partners Assignee of Palisades, a General  
Partnership; and CIT Bank, National Association,  
Defendants,

Of whom Richard C. Ivey a/k/a Richard Curtis Ivey is the  
Appellant.

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Appeal From Berkeley County  
Dale Edward Van Slambrook, Master-in-Equity

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**AFFIRMED**

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Creek, for Appellant.

James Derrick Jackson, of Tobias G. Ward, Jr., PA, and  
Louise Myers Johnson, of Scott and Corley, P.A., both of  
Columbia, for Respondent.

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**PER CURIAM:** In this case arising out of a foreclosure, Richard C. Ivey (Ivey) appeals the Master's order denying his motion for sanctions against Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae). Ivey's sanctions motion alleged Fannie Mae violated Rule 11, SCRCF, by filing an improper Rule 40(j), SCRCF motion and also committed contempt of court by disobeying the South Carolina Supreme Court's Mortgage Foreclosure Actions Administrative Order No. 2011-05-02-01 (AO). Ivey argues (1) the Master's order contained factual errors, (2) the Master erred in refusing to sanction Fannie Mae for their improper Rule 40(j) motion, and (3) the Master erred in refusing to hold Fannie Mae in contempt of court for not complying with the AO. We affirm pursuant to Rule 220(b), SCACR, because we must reluctantly conclude Ivey abandoned his issues on appeal. *See* Rule 208(b)(1)(E), SCACR (requiring citation of authority in the argument portion of an appellant's brief); *First Sav. Bank v. McLean*, 314 S.C. 361, 363, 444 S.E.2d 513, 514 (1994) (noting when a party fails to cite authority or when the argument is simply a conclusory statement in its brief, the party is deemed to have abandoned the issue on appeal); *Hunt v. Forestry Comm'n*, 358 S.C. 564, 573, 595 S.E.2d 846, 851 (Ct. App. 2004) ("Issues raised in a brief but not supported by authority are deemed abandoned and will not be considered on appeal."); *Bochette v. Bochette*, 300 S.C. 109, 112, 386 S.E.2d 475, 477 (Ct. App. 1989) ("An appellant may not use either oral argument or the reply brief as a vehicle to argue issues not argued in the appellant's brief.").

**AFFIRMED.**<sup>1</sup>

**THOMAS, HILL, and HEWITT, JJ., concur.**

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<sup>1</sup> We decide this case without oral argument pursuant to Rule 215, SCACR.