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APPEAL FROM THE WORKERS COMPENSATION COMMISSION

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Scott T. Beck, Commissioner

Case No. SCWCC 1815744

South Carolina Workers Compensation
Commission,

Respondent,

v.

Alicia Ruffin,

Appellant,

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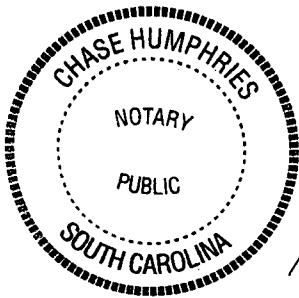
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NOTICE OF APPEAL

Alicia M. Ruffin appeals the order of the Panel of Commissioners for the Workers Compensation Commission dated February 24, 2021. Appellant received written notice of entry of this order on February 26, 2021.

Alicia M. Ruffin

Alicia M. Ruffin, *ProSe*
563 Duncan Station Drive
Duncan, South Carolina
864-814-8350
Representative for Appellant



16 Aug 2020

[Handwritten signature]

Notary

Atty. Keith Roberts
SC Workers Compensation Commission
1333 Main St., Columbia, SC 29201
864-737-5700
Attorney for Respondent

This statement has been sworn on 20 day of March, 2021

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Alicia Ruffin, Appellant

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Keith Roberts, Esquire

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that the undersigned has on this date served a copy of this order in the above-entitled action upon all parties to this case by sending an electronic copy hereof by electronic mail addressed to the attorneys for said parties; or if there is a n unrepresented party(ies), by depositing a copy hereof, postage paid in the United States mail, first class, addressed to the unrepresented party(ies) and to the attorney(s) for the represented party(ies).

By Alicia Ruffin on March 20, 2021

March 20, 2021

Attorney Keith Roberts
Attorney for Respondent
SC Workers Compensation Commission
1333 Main St., Columbia, SC 29201

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Dear Attorney Keith Roberts:

Please allow this letter to serve as Notice for Appeal under SC App.Ct.R.203 (6) in reference to Worker's Compensation Case No.: 1817544 in the matter of Alicia Ruffin vs. Builders First Source/Liberty Mutual. The Appellant's cause for an appeal are as follows:

The order instructions dated 10/15/2020 by Commissioner Scott Beck "coached" the defense attorney, Amanda Neely into providing evidence that was not submitted for oral argument prior to September 16, 2020 hearing. The Commission allowed Liberty Mutual to stop payment of TTD on November 30, 2020. This was before Commissioner Scott Beck rendered his decision on December 10, 2020. Evidence was tampered with, intentionally concealed, and submitted to the Commission by Atty. Amanda Neely for the September 16, 2020 hearing. The evidence was postmark "Printed: 12/6/2011", but the subpoena was dated November 12, 2019. This evidence was documented as being destroyed by the South Carolina Judicial Department on 05/19/2016. In addition, the Panel of Commissioners denied the Appellant's Motion for Reinstatement before it was received. As written on the order, the decision was made on "_____, 2020". The Motion for Reinstatement was submitted before The Panel of Commissioners on January 26, 2021.

Procedurally, the events listed above involved violation of the Appellant's 5th Amendment rights in failing to allow Due Process, Spoilage of Evidence and Intentional Concealment of Evidence. And violation of Canon Rule 501 Code 3 – A Judge Shall Perform the Duties of Judicial Office Impartially and Diligently. Under the Fruit from a Poisonous Tree Doctrine, once the Defense Attorney, Amanda Neely entered the tainted evidence; all claims by the Defense, their firm and those they represented should have been dismissed in favor of the Appellant.

The Appellant is requesting the Court of Appeals to overturn the denial decision made by the Workers Compensation Commission and re-instate the Appellant's TTD payments retroactive active from November 30, 2020 until the conclusion of the appeal process with the South Carolina Court of Appeals or a possible settlement can be reached. The Appellant is requesting this resolve to be taken place by the power of the Court of Appeals.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alicia M. Ruffin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Alicia M. Ruffin
Appellant

**LETTER TO THE APPELLATE COURT CLERK
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The Honorable Jenny Abbot Kitchings
Clerk, South Carolina Court of Appeals
Post Office Box 11629
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

RE: Alicia Ruffin, Appellant, v. Robert Keith, as Attorney for Workers Compensation
Commission, Respondent,

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Enclosed for filing is notice of appeal in the above case and filing fee of \$250.

Sincerely,



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Attorney for Appellant

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