

The South Carolina Court of Appeals

Pam Millard and Ronald De'ray Skipper, Individually
and as Co-Personal Representatives for the Estate of
Ronald De'Ray Skipper, Appellants,

v.

Maria Cecilia Farina-Morin, M.D., Respondent.

Appellate Case No. 2012-212181

ORDER

On June 6, 2012, Appellants filed with this court a notice of appeal, which indicated they received written notice of entry of the order granting Respondent's motion for directed verdict on April 26, 2012. Appellants' proof of service, dated June 4, 2012 and filed with this Court on June 6, 2012, does not indicate when they served Respondent. Respondent has filed a motion to dismiss, alleging Appellants did not timely serve the notice of appeal. Appellants filed a return, providing that they served the notice of appeal on May 23, 2012. The return, however, also provides Appellants received written notice of entry of the order on April 3, 2012.

Within ten days, Appellants shall serve and file an amended proof of service, indicating the date they served Respondent with the notice of appeal. Appellants shall also provide this court with clarification as to the earliest date lead counsel or co-counsel received written notice of entry of the order granting Respondent's motion for directed verdict. *See Williams v. Williams*, 335 S.C. 386, 391, 517 S.E.2d 689, 691 (1999) ("This Court has consistently recognized an attorney is the 'alter-ego of his client' and the attorney stands in the place of the client." (citation omitted)); *id.* ("Notice to an attorney is effective as notice to the client when the notice is received in the course of the transaction in which the attorney is acting."). Upon receipt, or the expiration of ten days, this court will consider the motion to dismiss.



FOR THE COURT

Columbia, South Carolina

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