

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

COUNTY OF CHARLESTON)

ASSIGNMENT DESK WORKS, LLC)

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Plaintiff)

ORDER APPOINTING A THIRD PARTY

vs.)

NEUTRAL

ALEXIS BERG)

2025-CP-10-2671

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Nancy Mace moved to intervene in this case based upon numerous electronic files she claims to have provided to Marybeth Mullaney, counsel for the Defendant, and now she wants them returned. (Note: Some files have been agreed not to have them returned). She claims ownership of these files. To the contrary, Patrick Bryant, now or formerly with the Plaintiff, likewise claims ownership of these files and wants them returned.

Attorneys for Ms. Mace claim that if the Court grants Plaintiff's pending Motion for Summary Judgment and/or Defendant's Motion for Judgment on the Pleadings then a Third-Party Neutral would not be needed. Counsel for the Defendant agrees. On the other hand, counsel for the Plaintiff and counsel for Patrick Bryant agree otherwise. The Court tends to agree that since the dispute will still exist, regardless how the Court rules on the aforesaid Motions, that a Third-Party Neutral is still needed.

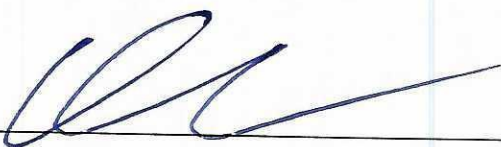
The attorneys have indicated that 11,000+ files are in dispute.

Kristi Harrington, a very capable attorney in Charleston and former Circuit Court Judge, has agreed to serve.

Accordingly, it is Hereby Ordered:

1. That Kristi Harrington is appointed Third-Party Neutral in this matter;
2. That Mace/Berg shall be responsible for one-half of the Third-Party Neutral's fees and ADW/Bryant the other one-half. Final allocation can be made at the conclusion of this matter.
3. There is concern on the part of the Court that, due to the voluminous number of files involved, It may turn out to be very cost-prohibitive to the parties for a Third-Party Neutral to be involved and therefore another resolution may need to be put in place. Therefore, what the Court wants is for the attorneys to sit down with Ms. Harrington for an initial review and assessment of this matter to see what needs to be accomplished and potentially what the cost may be for her work. After that, the Court requests Ms. Harrington to report back to the Court and counsel.

SO ORDERED.



DONALD B. HOCKER, CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

Laurens, SC

Date: 6-16-26



Listing of attorneys

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Marybeth Mullaney for Alexis Berg

Rene Dukes for ADW

Matt Gallo, Nosizi Ralephata, Will Blount for Patrick Bryant

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