

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF HAMPTON

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

RENEE S. BEACH, as Personal Representative
of the Estate of MALLORY BEACH,

Case No. 2019-CP-25-00111

Plaintiff,

vs.

GREGORY M. PARKER, INC., a/k/a
PARKER'S CORPORATION, d/b/a PARKERS
55; RICHARD ALEXANDER MURDAUGH;
RICHARD ALEXANDER MURDAUGH, JR.,
JOHN MARVIN MURDAUGH, AS P.R. OF
THE ESTATE OF MARGARET KENNEDY
BRANSTETTER MURDAUGH, AND
RANDOLPH MURDAUGH, IV, AS P.R. OF
THE ESTATE OF PAUL TERRY
MURDAUGH

Defendants.

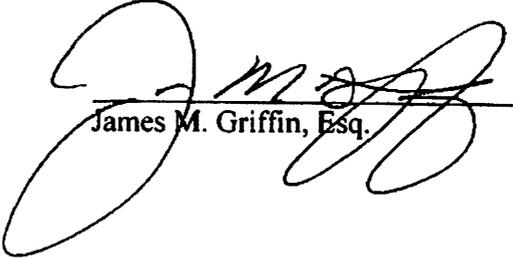
**AFFIDAVIT OF JAMES M. GRIFFIN, ESQ.
IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANT RICHARD
ALEXANDER MURDAUGH'S RENEWED
MOTION TO STAY DISCOVERY AND
CONTINUE TRIAL**

The undersigned, James M. Griffin, declares under oath as follows:

1. I am one of the retained counsel for Defendant Richard Alexander Murdaugh ("Alex Murdaugh") in the above-captioned case ("Boat Accident Civil Suit"). I also represent Alex Murdaugh on murder and related charges pending before the Colleton County Court of General Sessions in Indictment Nos. 2022-GS-15-592 - 595 ("Colleton County Criminal Action").
2. Alex Murdaugh is scheduled for trial in the Colleton County Criminal Action beginning Monday, January 23, 2023.
3. The trial of the Boat Accident Civil Suit is set to begin Monday, January 9, 2023, and is expected to last one to two weeks.
4. The weeks the Boat Accident Civil Suit is presently scheduled for trial will be the most critical time in preparing Alex Murdaugh's defense of the Colleton County Criminal Action. Alex Murdaugh must be constantly available to myself and his other attorneys in the criminal representation during this time to adequately prepare for trial.

5. The prejudice to Alex Murdaugh will be immense if he is occupied in the trial of the Boat Accident Civil Suit takes place the two weeks leading up to the Colleton County Criminal trial, and thus unable to freely communicate with his criminal attorneys and adequately focus on and prepare for defending against the serious criminal charges of double murder.
6. The motion for a continuance of the civil trial is not intended for delay but is made because Alex Murdaugh cannot effectively assist his counsel in his criminal trial proceeds as presently scheduled.

Further the Affiant sayeth not.


James M. Griffin, Esq.

SWORN TO before me this
21st day of October, 2022


Notary Public for South Carolina

My commission Expires: September 12, 2029