

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
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COUNTY OF DARLINGTON)
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In the Matter of:)
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GEORGIA JO HANNA)
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IN THE PROBATE COURT
Case No. 2020-GC-16-1

**ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO VACATE
AND OF RECUSAL AND TRANSFER OF
THIS CASE BACK TO FLORENCE COUNTY**

It has been brought to my attention by the filing of a Motion dated May 18, 2023, by Tucker Player, Esq. on behalf of Craig Hanna, wherein Mr. Hanna attempts to have my prior Order of April 20, 2023, which authorized the sale of real property assets of Georgia Jo Hanna (“hereafter “ward”), vacated.

Additionally, I have received an application for his resignation from Jeffery Robinson, the court-appointed Conservator in this matter. I hereby accept Mr. Robinson’s resignation and note too that he has served without fee and waives any entitlement thereto.

Additionally, I have received a memorandum in Response to Motion to Vacate from Charles Epps Ipock, Attorney.

Based on the contents of the current motion, it has come to this Court’s attention that both Mr. Hanna and his attorney continue to refer to Cody T. Mitchell, Esq. as the “Guardian” for the Ward. In my prior Order Regarding Motions to Alter, Amend or Reconsideration, dated January 18, 2023, this Court made it abundantly clear that Attorney Mitchell was “designated as the Guardian for Georgia Jo Hanna in the event that one is needed in the future.” (Emphasis added.) To date, due to the Ward’s confinement at The Manor, where all her needs are being taken care of, a Guardian has yet to be needed or appointed, and therefore Mr. Mitchell has not even been appointed or notified of any appointment as Guardian, much less served in any capacity for this Ward at any time.

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JUDGE OF PROBATE
DARLINGTON COUNTY, S.C.

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After a review of the information contained in Attorney Player's current motion, I find it attempts to raise potential ethical allegations regarding prior actions of this Court. The case originated in Florence County and was transferred to Darlington County. Since its arrival, some of the parties have continued to blatantly disregard my prior Orders relating to their (or others acting on their behalf) engagement on social media, etc. to attempt to influence the outcome of this matter.

This case has consumed an inordinate amount of resources within my office and is taking away from the time needed to resolve other actual Darlington County Probate Court matters. Additionally, this Court vehemently denies any allegation of wrongdoing in this matter, however the mere allegations themselves counsel that this Court should vacate its prior order and recuse itself from further involvement. In doing so, this Court is making no findings or rulings concerning the merits of the motion to vacate.

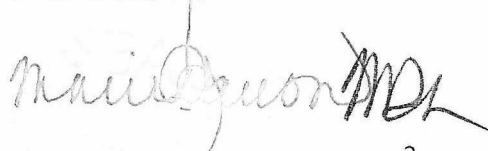
Therefore, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the Order of April 20, 2023, is vacated and this matter is to be transferred back to the Florence County Probate Court for further action or re-assignment to another county.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Jeffery Robinson be relieved of any further duties regarding this matter, and that he files a final report of his appointment back to the Florence County Probate Court.

Lastly **IT IS HEREBY AGAIN CLARIFIED** that Attorney Cody T. Mitchell has never served, nor accepted any appointment as Guardian for Georgia Jo Hanna, because this Court has never had the need to appoint him.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

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DARLINGTON COUNTY, S.C.

Dated May 23, 2023

BY: Marvin I. Lawson
MARVIN I. LAWSON
Judge of Probate
Darlington County

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IN THE MATTER OF

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(Decedent)

CASE NUMBER: 2020 GC 16 - 1

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