

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF HORRY

ALISON WILLIAMS  
(FORMERLY MILLER),

Plaintiff

v.

JOHN PAUL MILLER,

Defendant.

IN THE FAMILY COURT OF THE  
TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
FILE NO.: 2024-DR-26-\_\_\_\_\_

**VERIFIED COMPLAINT**  
(Modification of Custody, Child  
Support and Alimony)

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The Plaintiff, complaining of the Defendant herein, respectfully  
alleges the following:

1. Plaintiff and Defendant are citizens and residents of Horry County, South Carolina and have been for three (3) months prior to the filing of this action.
2. The parties were previously married, and were subsequently divorced on September 14, 2015 (File No.:2016-DR-26-1677).
3. Of their marriage, four (4) children were born, to wit: two (2) children whom are now emancipated; and (2) minor children, A.M. born in 2008, and S.M. born in 2009, who are the subject matter of this litigation.
4. The minor children have resided in South Carolina for more than six (6) months prior to the filing of this action and South Carolina is the home state of the minor children.



5. On October 30, 2015, a Final Order approving the parties Amended Final Agreement for Child Custody, Visitation, Alimony, and Equitable Distribution was filed with the Court (File Number: 2015-DR-26-2210).

6. Therefore, Plaintiff asserts this Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter, the parties captioned above and the minor children born of the parties' marital relationship, and that venue is proper in Horry County, South Carolina.

**WAIVER OF MEDIATION CLAUSE**

7. Plaintiff realleges the preceding paragraphs as if restated verbatim herein.

8. Pursuant to the parties prior Final Order filed October 30, 2015, prior to the parties filing an action seeking to modify any provision of the Final Order relating to the minor children, they must first submit those issues to mediation.

9. Plaintiff asserts that based upon the exigent circumstances that currently exist, and the possible imminent danger and harm that could be caused to the minor children, it is not in their best interest to delay these matters from being addressed by the Court on an expedited basis, and good cause exists for the Court to waive this requirement.

10. Therefore, based upon the totality of the facts and circumstances, Plaintiff alleges good cause exists for the Court to issue



an Order waiving the pre-filing mediation clause in the parties prior Final Order and requests the Court issue such an Order, both *pendente lite* and permanently.

**FOR A FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**

(Modification of Child Custody - Psychological Evaluation)

11. Plaintiff realleges the preceding paragraphs as if restated verbatim herein.

12. Pursuant to the parties prior Final Order, filed on October 30, 2015, they currently share joint custody of the minor children with Plaintiff being designated as the primary custodial parent and Defendant being designated as the secondary custodial parent. Further, the minor children reside with Plaintiff, and the Defendant has periods of periodic visitation with the minor children.

13. As a result of the joint custodial designation, *inter alia*, the parties have a duty to consult with each other with respect to major decisions concerning the minor children, and if they disagree, Plaintiff has final decision-making authority.

14. Plaintiff alleges, that since the entry of the parties Final Order filed on October 30, 2015 (File Number: 2015-DR-26-2210) there has been a material and substantial change in circumstance, warranting modification of the parties prior Final Order, pertaining to *inter alia*, custody and visitation.



15. Plaintiff alleges, that since the entry of the parties prior Final Order, Defendant has exhibited increasingly unstable behaviors, failed to provide a safe and stable environment for the minor children during his periods of visitation, and has both exposed and involved the minor children in incidents of domestic dispute and discord, which have been traumatic to the minor children and not in their best interest.

16. Plaintiff further alleges, that since the entry of the parties prior Final Order, it appears as though Defendant's mental health has increasingly deteriorated, and he has exhibited behavioral patterns that are erratic and irrational. At times, he has foregone his designated periods of visitation, based upon his own assertions of not being mentally well enough for the children to be in his care.

17. In addition to the foregoing, since the entry of the parties prior Final Order, the Defendant has used the joint custodial designation of the parties (ie. duty to consult regarding the children) as a mechanism to harass, threaten, and control the Plaintiff. As a result, the parties are not able to effectively communicate or coparent in a manner necessary to share joint custody of the minor children, and Plaintiff alleges it would be detrimental to the safety, welfare, and emotional health of both the Plaintiff and the minor children to continue sharing joint custody.

18. Therefore, Plaintiff is requesting the Court issue an Order granting Plaintiff sole custody of the minor children, both *pendente lite* and permanently.



19. Plaintiff further alleges that based upon information and belief, that since the entry of the parties prior Final Order, despite his representations otherwise, Defendant has failed to seek treatment for his deviant sexual addictions and behaviors, which he admittedly confessed to both Plaintiff and former elders of his church (See former Affidavit of Plaintiff; filed with the Court in File Number: 2015-DR-26-2210). Based upon information and belief, Defendant has continued to engage in deviant sexual behaviors, and has exposed the parties' minor children to an immoral and unsafe environment.

20. In addition to the foregoing, Defendant has exposed the minor children to his adulterous misconduct with his paramour, and repeatedly involved both the Plaintiff and minor children in his marital difficulties.

21. Plaintiff further contends that since the entry of the parties prior Final Order, the current Wife of Defendant, Mica Miller, was recently found deceased, the tragic facts, and circumstances of which have become a major focus of social media, local and national news. Against the objections of Plaintiff, the Defendant has discussed this matter with the children, and Plaintiff believes given the totality of the circumstances, placing the children in the care of Defendant would place them in imminent danger, and not be in their best interest.

22. Plaintiff further alleges that prior to the death of Mica Miller, she confided in Plaintiff, sharing intimate details regarding the behaviors



of Defendant and concerns regarding the safety of the minor children, while in the care of Defendant. Plaintiff contends that until the time of Mica Miller's death, she provided a "safety-net" for the children during their periods of visitation with Defendant, and based upon her recent tragic death, that is no longer possible.

23. Based upon the foregoing, Plaintiff alleges that until such time as the Defendant undergoes a full and complete psychological and parental fitness evaluation, and follows all recommendations resulting therefrom, and a Guardian *ad Litem* can be appointed to investigate this matter and protect the best interest of the minor children, the Defendant's periods of visitation and contact with the minor children should be suspended, to protect the best interests of the minor children, and requests the Court issue an Order granting this relief, both *pendente lite* and permanently.

24. Based upon the foregoing, Plaintiff contends it would be in the best interest of the minor children to *inter alia*, modify the custody and visitation provisions of the parties prior Final Order, by granting Plaintiff sole custody of the parties' minor children, and suspending any further contact and/or visitation between the minor children and Defendant, pending Defendant undergoing a full and complete psychological and parental fitness evaluation, and following all recommendations resulting therefrom, both *pendente lite* and permanently.



**FOR A SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**  
**(Appointment of Guardian *ad Litem*)**

25. Plaintiff realleges the preceding paragraphs as if restated verbatim herein.

26. Plaintiff alleges in the event Defendant contests custody, a Guardian *ad Litem* should be appointed to investigate this matter and protect the best interests of the minor children, with Defendant being solely responsible for the cost, both *pendente lite* and permanently.

**FOR A THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION**  
**(Modification of Alimony and Child Support)**

27. Plaintiff realleges the preceding paragraphs as if restated verbatim herein.

28. Plaintiff alleges, upon information and belief, that since the entry of the parties Final Order(s) pertaining to alimony and child support, there has been a substantial change in circumstances, warranting a modification.

29. Based upon information and belief, Defendant has an income far greater than the amount he set forth in his sworn financial declaration filed with the Court during the parties' prior proceedings, and that since the entry of the parties prior Final Order(s) pertaining to alimony and child support the income of Defendant has substantially increased.

30. Plaintiff requests an Order from the Court modifying the child support obligation of Defendant, to reflect the current earnings of the parties and appropriate healthcare expenses for the minor children,



pursuant to the *South Carolina Child Support Guidelines*, and that any such modification be retroactive to the filing of this action, both *pendente lite* and permanently.

31. Plaintiff further alleges that since the entry of the parties prior Final Order, in addition to Defendant having a substantial increase in earnings, the monthly expenses of both Plaintiff and the minor children have increased, and based upon her financial need and the Defendant's ability to pay, she is entitled to an increase in alimony, and requests the Court issue an Order for same, both *pendente lite* and permanently.

**FOR A FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION**  
(Restraining Orders)

32. Plaintiff realleges the preceding paragraphs as if restated verbatim herein.

33. Plaintiff is seeking an Order from the Court prohibiting Defendant from degrading Plaintiff while in the presence of the minor children, or allowing any third party to do the same, both *pendente lite* and permanently.

34. Plaintiff is seeking an Order from the Court prohibiting Defendant from discussing this litigation or any other legal proceeding involving Defendant, while in the presence of the minor children, or allowing any third party to do so, both *pendente lite* and permanently.

35. Plaintiff is seeking an Order from the Court restraining Defendant from exposing the minor children to dangerous, immoral, or



unhealthy environments, the abuse of alcohol, illegal drugs, smoking, abuse of prescription medications, both *pendente lite* and permanently.

36. Plaintiff is seeking an Order from the Court restraining Defendant from exposing the children to their paternal grandfather, Wayne Miller, in any capacity, both *pendente lite* and permanently.

37. Plaintiff is seeking an Order from the Court preventing Defendant from coming about her residence, place of employment or person, and from abusing, harming, harassing, communicating, threatening, or otherwise interfering with Plaintiff or members of her family, in any manner whatsoever, except in regards to the minor children in the manner specifically requested herein, including in person, electronically, or through third parties, both *pendente lite* and permanently.

38. Plaintiff is further seeking an Order from the Court requiring any communications between the parties be solely limited to issues concerning the minor children, and only occur through the Our Family Wizard parenting application. Further issuing an Order strictly prohibiting any other form of contact, including but not limited to, electronically, in person or through third parties, both *pendente lite* and permanently.

**FOR A THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION**  
(Attorney Fees and Costs)

39. Plaintiff realleges the preceding paragraphs as if restated verbatim herein.



40. Plaintiff alleges that based upon the egregious misconduct of Defendant, she has been forced to retain legal counsel and incur an exorbitant amount of legal fees and costs, resulting in a financial hardship, to ensure the minor children are adequately protected.


41. Plaintiff further alleges, that based upon information and belief, Defendant is in a far superior financial position than Plaintiff, and that absent Defendant being required to pay the legal fees and costs of Plaintiff, both current and future, she will be prejudiced and experience financial hardship. Further, Defendant has the financial resources to pay both his fees and costs and those of Plaintiff, both *pendente lite* and permanently.

42. Therefore, Plaintiff is seeking an Order from the Court requiring Defendant to pay her attorney's fees and costs, both *pendente lite* and permanently.

**WHEREFORE**, Plaintiff prays this Honorable Court addresses the matters alleged herein and issue an Order granting the relief sought together with any such other and further relief this Court may deem just and proper. The Plaintiff further requests that all other provisions set forth in the parties prior Final Order(s) not otherwise requested to be modified herein, remain in full force and effect.



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Dated: 5/28/24  
Conway, South Carolina

**FNC**

AUSON WILLIAMS,  
Plaintiff

LETTER TO THE SUBSCRIBED

on 23 May 2024

By: Sandye T. Hicks  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
Law Firm of Sandye T. Hicks, LLC





## CERTIFICATION REGARDING GUARDIAN *AD LITEM*

I certify that I have obtained available dates from the Guardian *ad Litem* prior to submitting this hearing request or that there is no Guardian *ad Litem* appointed in the case at this time.

Alexa Shanahan  
Print name

Date: 5/28/24

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**This form must be submitted with all hearing requests or a hearing will not be scheduled.**



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FILE NO.: 2024-DR-26-1180

FAMILY COURT COVERSHEET

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DOCKETING INFORMATION

- ☐ This case is subject to MEDIATION pursuant to the Family Court Alternative Dispute Resolution Rules.  
☒ This case is exempt from ADR (certificate attached).

Nature of Action Codes  
(Check One)

Marital Dissolution

- ☐ Divorce (110)  
☐ Annulment (120)  
☐ Separate Support and Maintenance (130)  
☐ Registration of Foreign Divorce Decree - without support/custody (190)  
☐ Registration of Foreign Divorce Decree - with support/custody (191)  
☐ Marital Dissolution - Other (199) \_\_\_\_\_

Abuse and Neglect

- ☐ Abuse and Neglect - Child (210)  
☐ Abuse and Neglect - Adult (220)  
☐ Abuse and Neglect - Other (299) \_\_\_\_\_

Juvenile Delinquency

- ☐ Truancy (311)  
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Protection from Domestic Abuse

- ☐ Domestic Abuse - Intimate Partner (410)  
☐ Domestic Abuse - Minor (420)  
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☐ Domestic Abuse - Other (499) \_\_\_\_\_

Support

- ☐ Child Support - Private (501)  
☐ Child Support - Administrative Process (502)  
☐ Child Support - Judicial Process (503)  
☐ Registration of Foreign Order of Support (504)  
☐ UIFSA - Outgoing (505)  
☐ UIFSA - Incoming (506)  
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☐ Modification of Child Support - DSS (508)  
☒ Modification of Alimony (525)  
☐ College Expenses (530)  
☐ Support - Other (599) \_\_\_\_\_

Custody/Visitation

- ☐ Child Custody/Visitation (610)  
☒ Modification of Custody/Visitation (615)  
☐ Temporary Custody - Nonparent (616)  
☐ Registration of Foreign Child Custody Order (690)  
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Miscellaneous Actions

- ☐ Name Change (710)  
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Date: 5/28/24

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MOTION AND ORDER INFORMATION  
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- ☒ MOTION HEARING REQUESTED (attach written motion and complete SECTIONS I and III)  
☐ FORM MOTION, NO HEARING REQUESTED (complete SECTIONS II and III)  
☐ PROPOSED ORDER/CONSENT ORDER (complete SECTIONS II and III)

SECTION I: Hearing Information

Nature of Motion: Motion for Ex Parte Order and Expedited Temporary Hearing

Estimated Time Needed: 30 Minutes

Court Reporter Needed: ☒ YES / ☐ NO

SECTION II: Motion/Order Type

- ☒ Written motion attached  
☐ Form Motion/Order

I hereby move for relief or action by the court as set forth in the attached proposed order.

Signature of Attorney for ☒ Plaintiff / ☐ Defendant

Date submitted 5/28/24

SECTION III: Motion Fee

☒ PAID - AMOUNT: \$ 25.00

☐ EXEMPT:  
(check reason)

- ☐ Rule to Show Cause in Child or Spousal Support  
☐ Domestic Abuse or Abuse and Neglect  
☐ Indigent Status ☐ State Agency v. Indigent Party  
☐ Sexually Violent Predator Act ☐ Post-Conviction Relief  
☐ Motion for Stay in Bankruptcy  
☐ Motion for Publication ☐ Motion for Execution (Rule 69, SCRCP)  
☐ Proposed order submitted at request of the court; or,  
reduced to writing from motion made in open court per judge's instructions  
Name of Court Reporter: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

JUDGE'S SECTION

- ☐ Motion Fee to be paid upon filing of the attached order.  
☐ Other:

JUDGE CODE \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Judge Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

CLERK'S VERIFICATION

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☒ MOTION FEE COLLECTED: \$ 25.00  
☐ CONTESTED - AMOUNT DUE: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Custodial Parent (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

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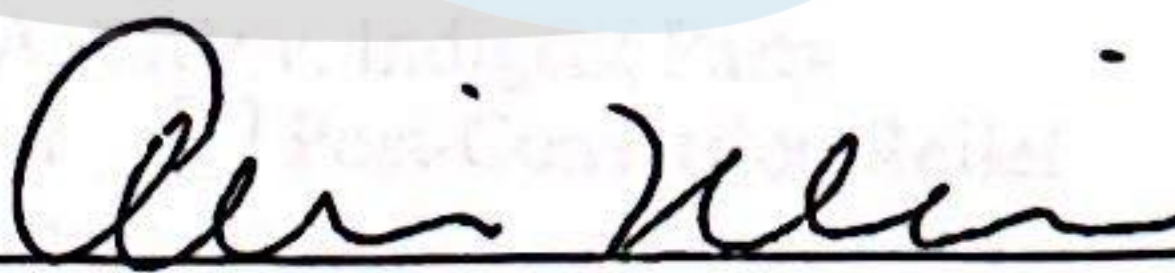
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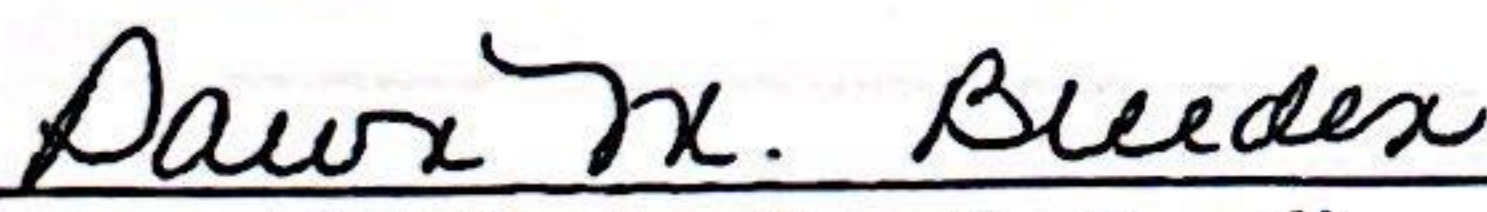
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PERSONALLY appeared before me, ALISON WILLIAMS, who after first being duly sworn, states that she has read the foregoing Verified Complaint and that the allegations contained therein are true of her own knowledge, except as to those matters stated upon information and belief, and as to those, she believes them to be true.

  
ALISON WILLIAMS,  
Plaintiff

SWORN TO and SUBSCRIBED before me

this 23 day of may, 2024.

  
Notary Public for South Carolina  
My Commission Expires: 9/7/32





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**SUMMONS**

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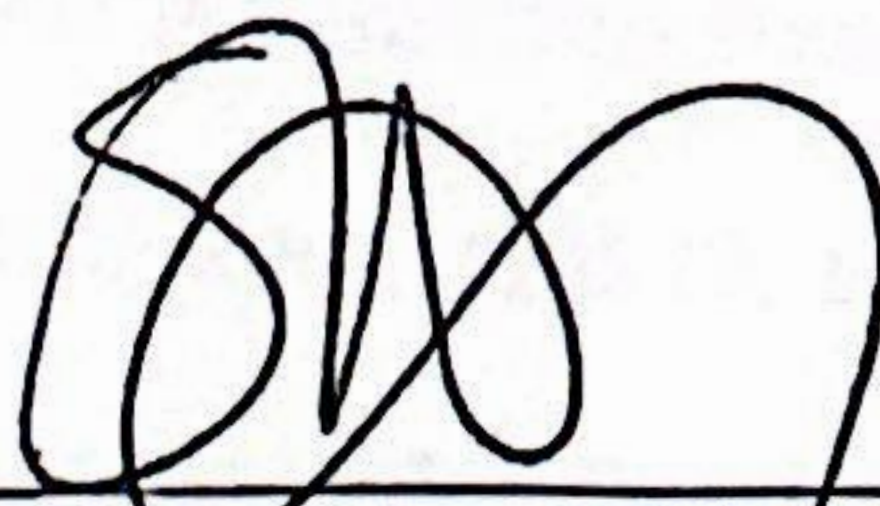
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**TO THE DEFENDANT ABOVE NAMED: JOHN P. MILLER**

**YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED** and required to Answer the Complaint in this action, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer to the said Complaint on the subscriber, or subscribers, at her or their office at 210 Elm Street Conway, South Carolina 29526, within thirty (30) days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail to Answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, the Plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

**LAW FIRM OF SANDYE T. HICKS, LLC**



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FILE NO.: 2024-DR-26-1180

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**ORDER FOR EX PARTE ORDER  
AND EXPEDITED TEMPORARY  
HEARING**

(Not Ending Action)

RENEE N. ELVIS  
CLERK OF COURT  
HORRY COUNTY, SC

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This matter is before the Court based upon the *Ex-Parte* application of the Plaintiff as set-forth in Plaintiff's Verified Motion for *Ex-Parte* Order and Expedited Motion for Temporary Hearing. After examining the pleadings, verified Motion and Affidavit of Plaintiff, the Court makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Plaintiff and Defendant are citizens and residents of Horry County, South Carolina.
2. There are two (2) minor children who are the subject matter of this action, namely A.M. born in 2008 and S.M. born in 2009.
3. The minor children have resided in Horry County, South Carolina for six (6) months prior to the filing of this action.



4. Based upon the verified Motion of Plaintiff, affidavit and attached exhibits, it appears the children may be placed in imminent risk and threat of harm if this Order is not issued on an ex-parte basis, and it would be in the best interest of the parties' minor children to grant Plaintiff *Ex-Parte* custody of the minor children and suspend any further periods of visitation between the minor children and Defendant, until this matter can be heard by the Court.

5. The Court further finds the present situation requires immediate attention of the Court and the five (5) day notice required should be waived and a temporary hearing should immediately be scheduled.

6. This Order shall remain in effect until further Order of this Court.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

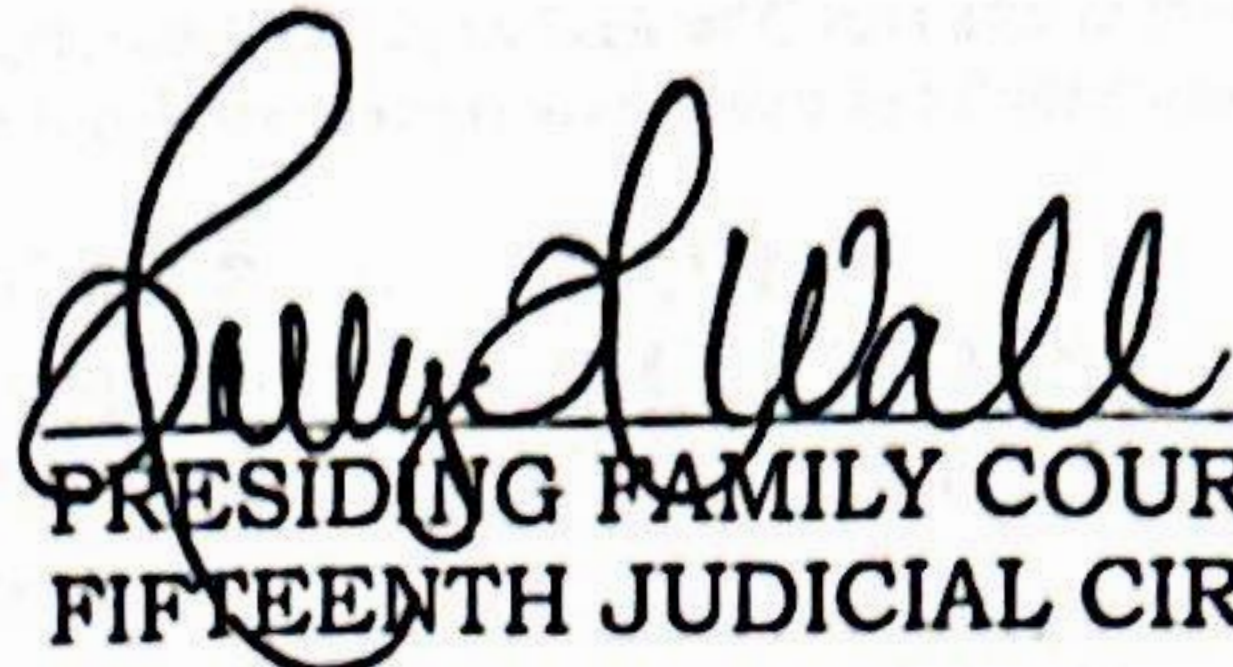
Based upon the above stated facts, I make the following Conclusions of Law:

1. This Court has jurisdiction both over the parties and the subject matter of this action;
2. Plaintiff shall be granted *Ex-Parte* custody of the minor children, with any periods of visitation between Defendant and the minor children being suspended until further Order of the Court;
4. It would be in the best interest of the minor children for this matter to be scheduled on an expedited basis, waiving the five (5) day notice; and
5. This Order shall remain in effect until further Order of this Court.



Therefore, it is **ORDERED**: Plaintiff shall be granted *Ex Parte* custody of the parties' minor children, with any periods of visitation between Defendant and the parties' minor children being suspended until further Order of the Court.

**AND IT IS SO ORDERED** this 20 day of May 2024.

  
PRESIDING FAMILY COURT JUDGE  
FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Conway, South Carolina

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