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CITED OR RELIED ON AS PRECEDENT IN ANY PROCEEDING  
EXCEPT AS PROVIDED BY RULE 268(d)(2), SCACR.**

**THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
In The Court of Appeals**

South Carolina Department of Social Services,  
Respondent,

v.

Billy Nelson Chestnut and Dorothy Kay McDougal  
Chestnut, Defendants,

Of Whom Dorothy Kay McDougal Chestnut is the  
Appellant.

AND

Amanda Ruth Smith and Corey Brandon Smith,  
Respondents,

v.

Dorothy Kay McDougal Chestnut, Billy Nelson  
Chestnut, and Baby Girl, a minor under the age of four  
(4) years, and South Carolina Department of Social  
Services, Defendants,

Of whom Dorothy Kay McDougal Chestnut is the  
Appellant.

In the interest of minors under the age of eighteen.

Appellate Case No. 2014-002404

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Appeal From Laurens County  
John M. Rucker, Family Court Judge

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**AFFIRMED**

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**PER CURIAM:** Dorothy Chestnut appeals the family court's final order terminating her parental rights to her minor children. *See* S.C. Code Ann. § 63-7-2570 (Supp. 2014). Upon a thorough review of the record and the family court's findings of facts and conclusions of law pursuant to *Ex parte Cauthen*, 291 S.C. 465, 354 S.E.2d 381 (1987), we find no meritorious issues that warrant briefing. Accordingly, we affirm the family court's ruling and relieve Chestnut's counsel.

**AFFIRMED.**<sup>1</sup>

**SHORT, LOCKEMY, and McDONALD, JJ., concur.**

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<sup>1</sup> We decide this case without oral argument pursuant to Rule 215, SCACR.