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

South Carolina Department of Social Services,  
Respondent,

v.

Ashley Directo, Phillip Young, and John Doe,  
Defendants,

Of whom Phillip Young is the Appellant.

In the interest of a minor under the age of eighteen.

Appellate Case No. 2016-000682

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Appeal From Spartanburg County  
Phillip K. Sinclair, Family Court Judge

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**AFFIRMED**

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of the South Carolina Department of Social Services, of  
Spartanburg, for Respondent.

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**PER CURIAM:** Phillip Young appeals the family court's final order terminating his parental rights to his minor child. *See* S.C. Code Ann. § 63-7-2570 (Supp. 2016). 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 Young's counsel.

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

**LOCKEMY, C.J., and KONDUROS and MCDONALD, JJ., concur.**

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