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CITED OR RELIED ON AS PRECEDENT IN ANY PROCEEDING
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**THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In The Court of Appeals**

South Carolina Department of Social Services,
Respondent,

v.

Kristina Bethel, Robert Bethel, Joseph Bricen, and John
Doe, Defendants,

Of whom Kristina Bethel is the Appellant.

In the interest of minors under the age of eighteen.

Appellate Case No. 2016-000482

Appeal from Marlboro County
Timothy H. Pogue, Family Court Judge

Unpublished Opinion No. 2017-UP-004
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AFFIRMED

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Bennettsville, for Respondent.

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PER CURIAM: Kristina Bethel appeals the family court's final order terminating her parental rights to her minor children. *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 383 (1987), we find no meritorious issues that warrant briefing. Accordingly, we affirm the family court's ruling and relieve Kristina Bethel's counsel.

AFFIRMED.¹

WILLIAMS, THOMAS, and GEATHERS, JJ., concur.

¹ We decide this case without oral argument pursuant to Rule 215, SCACR.