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

Jane and John Doe, Respondents,

v.

Kelsey Cochran, Steven Waddell, and South Carolina
Department of Social Services, Defendants,

Of whom Steven Waddell is the Appellant.

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

Appellate Case No. 2018-000059

Appeal From Spartanburg County
James F. Fraley, Jr., Family Court Judge

Unpublished Opinion No. 2018-UP-434
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AFFIRMED

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Rucker Law Firm, LLC, of Greenville, for Appellant.

James Fletcher Thompson, of James Fletcher Thompson,
LLC, of Spartanburg, for Respondents.

Kenneth Philip Shabel, of Kennedy & Brannon, PA, of
Spartanburg, for the Guardian ad Litem.

PER CURIAM: Steven Waddell appeals from the family court's final order terminating his parental rights to his minor child. *See* S.C. Code Ann. § 63-7-2570 (Supp. 2017). Upon a thorough review of the record and the family court's findings of fact and conclusions of law pursuant to *Ex parte Cauthen*, 291 S.C. 465, 354 S.E.2d 381 (1987), we find no meritorious issues warrant briefing. Accordingly, we affirm the family court's ruling and relieve Steven Waddell's counsel.

AFFIRMED.¹

LOCKEMY, C.J., and THOMAS and GEATHERS, JJ., concur.

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