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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.

Nicole Marie Giffin-Watson and Michael Seth Keener,  
Defendants,

Of whom Nicole Marie Giffin-Watson is the Appellant.

In the interest of minors under the age of eighteen.

Appellate Case No. 2020-000404

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Appeal From Horry County  
Ronald R. Norton, Family Court Judge

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**AFFIRMED**

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PA, of Kingstree, for Respondent.

Michael Julius Schwartz, of Russell B. Long, PA, and  
Heather Marie Moore, of Axelrod & Associates, PA,  
both of Myrtle Beach, for the Guardian ad Litem.

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**PER CURIAM:** Nicole Marie Giffin-Watson appeals the family court's final order terminating her parental rights to her minor children. *See* S.C. Code Ann. § 63-7-2570 (Supp. 2019). 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 Giffin-Watson'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.