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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 Supreme Court**

William McFarland and Jennifer McFarland, Petitioners,

v.

Mansour Rashtchian and Amy Rashtchian, Respondents.

Appellate Case No. 2017-001404

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Appeal from Dorchester County  
Diane Schafer Goodstein, Circuit Court Judge

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Memorandum Opinion No. 2019-MO-007  
Heard January 30, 2019 – Filed February 6, 2019

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**DISMISSED AS IMPROVIDENTLY GRANTED**

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Stephen L. Brown and Russel G. Hines, both of Young  
Clement Rivers, LLC, of Charleston, for Petitioners

David C. Cleveland and Michael L. Leech, of Clawson &  
Staubes, LLC, of Charleston, for Respondents.

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**PER CURIAM:** We granted certiorari to review whether the court of appeals erred in affirming the circuit court's jury charge on self-defense in this defamation action. *McFarland v. Rashtchian*, Op. No. 2017-UP-067 (S.C. Ct. App. filed Feb. 1, 2017). We now dismiss the writ as improvidently granted.

**DISMISSED AS IMPROVIDENTLY GRANTED.**

**BEATTY, C.J., HEARN, FEW, JAMES, JJ., and Acting Justice John D. Geathers, concur.**