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### THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA In The Supreme Court

James W. Trexler, Petitioner,

v.

The Associated Press, Barrington Broadcasting South Carolina Corp., Raycom TV Broadcasting, Inc., The Spartanburg Herald Journal, Inc., and The Pacific & Southern Co., Respondents.

Appellate Case No. 2015-001368

### **ON WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO THE COURT OF APPEALS**

Appeal from Richland County Joseph M. Strickland, Special Circuit Court Judge

Memorandum Opinion No. 2016-MO-030 Heard September 7, 2016 – Filed October 19, 2016

### DISMISSED AS IMPROVIDENTLY GRANTED

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**PER CURIAM:** We granted a writ of certiorari to review the court of appeals' decision in *Trexler v. The Associated Press*, Op. No. 2015-UP-201 (S.C. Ct. App. filed Apr. 15, 2015). After careful consideration of the Appendix and briefs, the writ of certiorari is

# DISMISSED AS IMPROVIDENTLY GRANTED.

PLEICONES, C.J., BEATTY, KITTREDGE, JJ., and Acting Justice J. Mark Hayes, II, concur.