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The Supreme Court of Ohio

Patricia Hulsmeyer

Case No. 2013-1644

v.

ENTRY

Hospice of Southwest Ohio, Inc., Joseph
Killian, and Brookdale Senior Living, Inc.

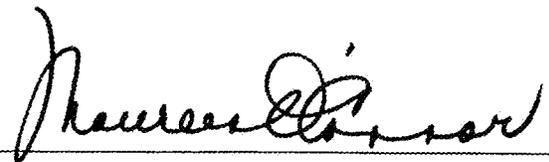
This cause is pending before the court on the certification of a conflict by the Court of Appeals for Hamilton County. On review of the order certifying a conflict, it is determined that a conflict exists. The parties are to brief the issue stated at page 16 of the court of appeals' Judgment Entry filed September 25, 2013, as follows:

"Must an employee or another individual used by the person or government entity to perform any work or services make a report or indicate an intention to report suspected abuse or neglect of a nursing home resident to the Ohio Director of Health to state a claim for retaliation under R.C. 3721.24(A)?"

It is ordered by the court that the clerk shall issue an order for the transmittal of the record from the Court of Appeals for Hamilton County.

It is ordered by the court, sua sponte, that this cause is consolidated with Supreme Court Case No. 2013-1766, *Hulsmeyer v. Hospice of Southwest Ohio, Inc., etc.* and that the briefing in Case Nos. 2013-1766 and 2013-1644 shall be consolidated. The parties shall file two originals of each of the briefs permitted under S.Ct.Prac.R. 16.02-16.04 and include both case numbers on the cover page of the briefs. The parties shall otherwise comply with the requirements of S.Ct.Prac.R. 16.01-16.04.

(Hamilton County Court of Appeals; No. C-120822)



Maureen O'Connor
Chief Justice