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

South Carolina Department of Social Services,
Respondent,

v.

Ashley Fortner, Jamie Howard, and Butch Thomas
Turner, Defendants,

Of whom Ashley Fortner is the Appellant.

In the interest of minors under the age of eighteen.

Appellate Case No. 2016-000929

Appeal From Spartanburg County
Phillip K. Sinclair, Family Court Judge

Unpublished Opinion No. 2017-UP-094
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AFFIRMED

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PER CURIAM: Ashley Fortner appeals the family court's final order terminating her parental rights to her minor children. *See* S.C. Code Ann. § 63-7-2570 (Supp. 2016). Upon a thorough review of the record and the family court's findings of facts and conclusions of law pursuant to *Ex parte Cauthen*, 291 S.C. 465, 354 S.E.2d 381 (1987), we find no meritorious issues that warrant briefing. Accordingly, we affirm the family court's ruling and relieve Fortner's counsel.

AFFIRMED.¹

LOCKEMY, C.J., and KONDUROS and MCDONALD, JJ., concur.

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