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

South Carolina Department of Social Services,
Respondent,

v.

Bruce L. Hudson, Lola J. Brake, and Richard
Witherspoon, Defendants,

Of whom Lola J. Brake is the Appellant.

In the interest of a minor under the age of eighteen.

Appellate Case No. 2017-000522

Appeal From Richland County
Monét S. Pincus, Family Court Judge

Unpublished Opinion No. 2017-UP-350
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AFFIRMED

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Phillips, Jr., of Columbia, for Appellant.

Patrick H. Nance, of Patrick H. Nance, Attorney at Law,
of Columbia, as Guardian ad Litem for Appellant.

James Tyler Burns, of the South Carolina Department of Social Services, of Columbia, for Respondent.

Betsy White Burton, of Richland County CASA, of Columbia, for the Guardian ad Litem for the minor child.

PER CURIAM: Lola J. Brake appeals the family court's final order terminating her parental rights to her minor child. *See* S.C. Code Ann. § 63-7-2570 (Supp. 2016). After 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 Brake's counsel.

AFFIRMED.¹

WILLIAMS, THOMAS, and MCDONALD, JJ., concur.

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