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

South Carolina Department of Social Services,  
Respondent,

v.

Melissa Ann Rushing, Appellant.

In the interest of minors under the age of eighteen.

Appellate Case No. 2019-001160

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Appeal From Chesterfield County  
Cely Anne Brigman, Family Court Judge

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**AFFIRMED**

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Hartsville, as Guardian ad Litem for Appellant.

Scarlet Bell Moore, of Greenville, for Respondent.

C. Heath Ruffner, of McLeod & Ruffner, of Cheraw, for  
the Guardian ad Litem for the minor children.

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**PER CURIAM:** Melissa Ann Rushing appeals the family court's final order terminating her parental rights to her minor children. *See* S.C. Code Ann. § 63-7-2570 (Supp. 2019). Upon a thorough review of the record and the family court's findings of fact and conclusions of law pursuant to *Ex parte Cauthen*, 291 S.C. 465, 354 S.E.2d 381 (1987), we find no meritorious issues warrant briefing. Accordingly, we affirm the family court's ruling and relieve Rushing's counsel.

**AFFIRMED.**<sup>1</sup>

**THOMAS, GEATHERS, and HEWITT, JJ., concur.**

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<sup>1</sup> We decide this case without oral argument pursuant to Rule 215, SCACR.