

No. 19-60749

In the
**United States Court of Appeals
for the Fifth Circuit**

ALYSSON MILLS, IN HER CAPACITY AS RECEIVER FOR
ARTHUR LAMAR ADAMS AND MADISON TIMBER PROPERTIES, L.L.C.,

Plaintiff—Appellee,

v.

BUTLER SNOW, L.L.P.; BUTLER SNOW ADVISORY SERVICES, L.L.C.;
MATT THORNTON,

Defendants—Appellants.

On Appeal from the United States District Court
for the Southern District of Mississippi
Case No. 3:18-cv-866

JOINT MOTION OF ALL PARTIES TO STAY FURTHER PROCEEDINGS

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Alysson Mills, in her capacity as the Receiver for Arthur Lamar Adams and Madison Timber Properties, LLC, and the Butler Snow Parties—Butler Snow LLP, Butler Snow Advisory Services, LLC, and Matt Thornton—move for a stay of any further proceedings in this appeal under Fifth Circuit Rule 27.1.3.

The parties have reached an agreement in principle to settle this matter, subject to execution of a mutually satisfactory written agreement. Moreover, due to the nature of this matter, there will be some delay between the parties finalizing the terms of their agreement and that agreement becoming effective. Specifically, the United States District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi is responsible for the supervision of, and approval of, all settlements in this case to ensure that they are in the best interests of the Receivership Estate. The parties cannot predict with certainty when and if the District Court will approve their agreement.

It would be a waste of judicial resources for this Court to decide the pending appeal in the interim. Also, any opinion of this Court regarding arbitration might well disrupt the parties' agreement. A stay of further proceedings is therefore appropriate and needed.

The case should remain assigned to the same panel of the Court and return to that panel if, for whatever reason, the parties are unable to secure final court approval of their settlement.

Respectfully submitted this the 21st day of December, 2020.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on December 21, 2020, I filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court via CM/ECF, which will deliver electronic copies to all counsel of record, and that I have separately served an electronic copy of the foregoing on all counsel of record by email.

Respectfully submitted,

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This the 21st day of December, 2020.

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