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ELESHIA ZAHRBOCK, PEYTON GERRY and JUSTIN ZAHRBOCK, Plaintiffs,

JONETTE ANSON,
Appellant,

vs.

STAR BRITE INN MOTEL,

Defendant and Appellee.

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The Honorable Arthur L. Rusch First Judicial Circuit Yankton County (FOR APPELLANT JONETTE ANSON)

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STATEMENTS OF LEGAL ISSUE AND HOLDING

Whether the trial court erred in not applying the doctrine of "equitable tolling" to allow Plaintiff Anson to sue out her claim after the statute of limitations had expired where her former attorney had misrepresented to her that her lawsuit had been filed and repeatedly lied to her about the progression of her case?

The trial court granted the Defendant's Motion to

Dismiss, finding that although her attorney had engaged in

extraordinary misconduct, the doctrine of equitable tolling

would not apply because she had failed to exercise due

diligence to ensure her attorney was representing her

properly.