



CRUISE TOURISM LITIGATION

January 23, 2012

On January 11, 2012, the South Carolina Supreme Court granted a petition by Carnival Cruise Lines, the State Ports Authority and the City of Charleston to rule on claims brought by the Historic Ansonborough Neighborhood Association, Charlestowne Neighborhood Association, Coastal Conservation League and Preservation Society of Charleston filed in June 2011 against Carnival Cruise Lines.

Our suit alleges that provisions of the City of Charleston's existing ordinances apply to Carnival Cruise Line ships that use Union Pier. Our case seeks to affirm the City's authority to enforce existing City ordinances, zoning and permitting procedures to preserve residential quality of life while balancing the cruise ship facet of our local tourism economy.

Carnival has asked the court to dismiss the suit. The City of Charleston and the SPA intervened to join in Carnival's request to have the suit dismissed.

We look forward to presenting our case before the South Carolina Supreme Court and demonstrating that Carnival Cruise Lines, like all other businesses in our community, must abide by local legal standards.

The Society is represented by John A. Massalon of Wills Massalon & Allen, LLC.

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