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# The Supreme Court of South Carolina

Marie-Therese Assa'ad-Faltas, MD., MPH, Petitioner.

Appellate Case No. 2015-001972

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ORDER


S.C. SUPREME COURT


By order of this Court dated January 7, 2016, the Richland County Clerk of Court's Office was directed to accept petitioner's motion for the appointment of counsel to represent her in a potential post-conviction relief (PCR) action for filing and forward the motion to the appropriate judge for a ruling. Petitioner reports she attempted to file the motion with the Richland County Clerk of Court's Office, but that office refused to accept the motion because it was after 4:00 p.m. The Clerk of this Court sought the assistance of the Chief Judge for Administrative Purposes for Common Pleas in Richland County, who has supervisory responsibility over the Richland County Clerk of Court, in resolving this matter. However, there is no indication the Chief Judge for Administrative Matters or the Richland County Clerk of Court has taken any action in regards to petitioner's motion.

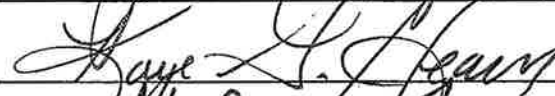
Petitioner has now filed a "Timely Petition for *Partial* Reconsideration of this Court's 7 January 2016 ORDER OR, *or in the alternative*, Motion to Clarify and Extend Same Order" with this Court. Petitioner's request that this Court reconsider its order of January 7, 2016, to the extent it states petitioner is not allowed to file a *pro se* PCR application is denied. Petitioner is clearly precluded by this Court's order of January 30, 2014, from proceeding *pro se* in a PCR action, except to file a motion to appoint counsel. We also deny petitioner's request to clarify or extend the order of January 7, 2016.


However, for a second time, we hereby direct the Richland County Clerk of Court to (1) accept, during regular business hours, petitioner's motion to appoint counsel; (2) file the motion; and (3) immediately deliver the motion to the Chief Judge for Administrative Purposes for Common Pleas in Richland County to be ruled upon in an expeditious manner. In addition, we order the time for filing a PCR application be deemed tolled from September 18, 2015, the date of petitioner's first petition informing this Court that the Richland County Clerk of Court refused to

accept for filing a motion to appoint counsel to file a PCR application, until the date of this order.

  
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Beatty, J., not participating

Columbia, South Carolina

March 28, 2016

cc:

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The Honorable Jeanette W. McBride  
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