

The Supreme Court of South Carolina

Marie Assa'ad Faltas, Petitioner,

v.

State of South Carolina, Respondent.

Appellate Case No. 2023-000616

ORDER

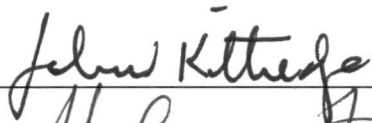
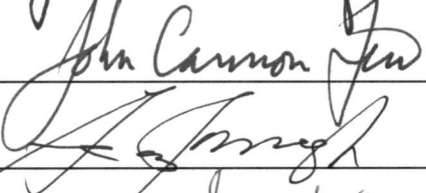


Petitioner has filed an emergency motion to relieve the Office of Appellate Defense as her counsel and a motion for a public evidentiary hearing on her motion to relieve counsel. Further, Petitioner "demands" an evidentiary hearing before Chief Justice Beatty and access to the Court's rear ramp and accessible parking spaces.

Petitioner is not permitted to proceed *pro se* in this post-conviction relief appeal. *See Assa'ad Faltas v. State*, S.C. Sup. Ct. Order dated Sept. 20, 2019. Therefore, should this Court grant Petitioner's motion and relieve the Office of Appellate Defense, Petitioner would be required to secure private counsel.

Within ten days of the date of this order, Petitioner must notify the Clerk of Court's Office of her decision to either proceed with her motion to relieve the Office of Appellate Defense and retain private counsel or withdraw her motion and remain represented by the Office of Appellate Defense. If Petitioner wishes to retain private counsel, her retained counsel shall advise the Court of his or her appearance on behalf of Petitioner within twenty days after Petitioner notifies the Court of her decision on the motion to relieve counsel.

Petitioner's demand for an evidentiary hearing is denied. Petitioner further seeks access to the Court's secure parking lot, which we deny. No litigant has access to the Court's secure parking lot. However, the Clerk of Court's Office has regularly assisted Petitioner in ensuring access for the purpose of filing documents. As with

all litigants, the Clerk of Court's Office will continue to assist Petitioner and provide access for the purpose of filing documents.

	A.C.J.
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Beatty, C.J., not participating.

Columbia, South Carolina
August 24, 2023

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