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S.C. SUPREME COURT

BEFORE THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA ("SC")

No. 2015-000941

APPEAL from RICHLAND COUNTY Court of Common Pleas
Alison Renée Lee, Circuit Court Judge

Circuit Court Case No. 2013-CP-40-03522

City of Columbia, South Carolina ("*the City*")

Respondent

v.

Marie Assa'ad-Faltas, MD, MPH

Appellant/Movant

Appellant's Motion to Reopen for Compelling Moral Reasons OR to De-publish Opinion 27723

On 6 November 2015, Dr. Assa'ad-Faltas (now NOT represented by counsel in this criminal case) wrote to this Court:

Yesterday's news that Police Officer G. disguised his suicide as a killing in the line of duty shows how people care about their legacy even at their last breath, that deception is so ingrained that Officer G. (even after deciding to commit suicide before evidence of his thefts is exposed) was compelled to be deceptive about the suicide itself, or both. **The moral is: "every secret thing shall be revealed" *sometime*.** Marie-Thérèse Assa'ad-Faltas, MD, MPH, is the only person in the length and breadth of South Carolina **with both the courage to openly criticize current SC Chief Justice Toal and the Christian love for one's enemy to help same Jean Toal rehabilitate her legacy while she still can.**

Jurist Toal could have recently salvaged her legacy and that of her predecessors and successors which allowed the scandals of Colleton County to fester and make SC the scorn of the nation; but instead, she chose to shelter Becky Hill from examination, even of whether she fabricated a FaceBook page to get a juror dismissed while letting *another* juror receive "thousands of dollars" from unidentified sources to continue sitting on "the trial of century" instead of returning to work and getting replaced by an alternate. Dr. Assa'ad-Faltas *seems* to be the only one shocked by that.

Dr. Assa'ad-Faltas also *may be* the only one with enough love and courage to tell current-SC-Chief-Justice-Candidate Kittredge that denial of Dr. Assa'ad-Faltas' *basic human right* to speak for herself for having, *inter alia*, advocated the incorporation of science into the law **and suggested that this Court** (which mounts many ceremonial events) **symbolically support the Coptic people after they were attacked in their churches** was a factor in 7 October 2023.

Terrorists may have different names; but *it is the same ideology* which attacked Copts in their churches in 2013-2018 then kidnapped, raped and killed, babies and elderly ladies *en masse* on 7 October 2023. And like those who protest in support of the 2023 attackers, this Court blamed *the victims*. This Court may still have power to harm Dr. Assa'ad-Faltas; but it does not have power to change how History will judge its failures to call moral wrongs by their names.

Ironically, *the*-then prosecutor for *the City in this case* is who *apparently* helped Becky Hill in fabricate a Facebook page against Juror 758 in Richland Alexander Murdaugh's two-murder trial in 2023. This Court apparently had a notion that no wrong will be punished so long as the wrong-doer also harms Dr. Assa'ad-Faltas; and it probably, knowingly or inadvertently, fostered the notion that some parties to cases are so hated by the system that all wrongs against them will be tolerated. Even after having sent the remittitur, only this Court has the power to de-publish its own Opinion 27723, which *continues* to harm Dr. Assa'ad-Faltas and to (likely inadvertently) embolden criminals.

Dr. Assa'ad-Faltas' assessment of the relatedness of events is informed by her professional study of, and expertise in, *inter alia* Epidemiology and Biostatistics, where her predictions and analysis were invariably later vindicated.

Dr. Assa'ad-Faltas knows not what this Court hopes to gain by continuing to mistreat her; but as she was shaken by the recent death of her best medical school friend and grew anxious of Dr. Assa'ad-Faltas' own mortality, she is in a panic to help others benefit from both her own talents and those transmitted to her through many loving, respectful and challenging, in person and virtual discussions over 50 years with that rare lost Dr. Youssell Waheeb. So, this Court is asked to act promptly to liberate Dr. Assa'ad-Faltas to share her talents and Dr. Waheeb's before it is too late for Dr. Assa'ad-Faltas and for the people she hopes to help with those unique talents God entrusted to her.

Certificate of Service and of Submission

Sincerely submitted on 17 January 2024 and served by hand-delivery of a copy thereof to the City Attorney for the City of Columbia, Attorney for Respondent, at her office located at 1401 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina, 29201, and on SC's Attorney General's office at 1000 Assembly Street, Columbia, SC 29201, all God so willing.

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