

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF RICHLAND
IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

FORM 4

JUDGMENT IN A CIVIL CASE

CASE NO. 2013 CP-4003522

City of Columbia

Marie Therese Assa'ad Faltas

PLAINTIFF(S)

DEFENDANT(S)

Submitted by: Judge Jocelyn Newman

Attorney for : ☐ Plaintiff ☐ Defendant
or
☐ Self-Represented Litigant

DISPOSITION TYPE (CHECK ONE)

- ☐ **JURY VERDICT.** This action came before the court for a trial by jury. The issues have been tried and a verdict rendered.
- ☒ **DECISION BY THE COURT.** This action came to trial or hearing before the court. The issues have been tried or heard and a decision rendered. ☐ See Page 2 for additional information.
- ☐ **ACTION DISMISSED (CHECK REASON):** ☐ Rule 12(b), SCRPC; ☐ Rule 41(a), SCRPC (Vol. Nonsuit); ☐ Rule 43(k), SCRPC (Settled); ☐ Other
- ☐ **ACTION STRICKEN (CHECK REASON):** ☐ Rule 40(j), SCRPC; ☐ Bankruptcy
☐ Binding arbitration, subject to right to restore to confirm, vacate or modify arbitration award; ☐ Other
- ☐ **STAYED DUE TO BANKRUPTCY**
- ☐ **DISPOSITION OF APPEAL TO THE CIRCUIT COURT (CHECK APPLICABLE BOX):**
☐ Affirmed; ☐ Reversed; ☐ Remanded; ☐ Other

NOTE: ATTORNEYS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR NOTIFYING LOWER COURT, TRIBUNAL, OR ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY OF THE CIRCUIT COURT RULING IN THIS APPEAL.

IT IS ORDERED AND ADJUDGED: ☒ See attached order (formal order to follow) ☐ Statement of Judgment by the Court:

ORDER INFORMATION

This order ☒ ends ☐ does not end the case.
Additional Information for the Clerk :

RECEIVED
JUL 28 2026
SC Court of Appeals

INFORMATION FOR THE JUDGMENT INDEX

Complete this section below when the judgment affects title to real or personal property or if any amount should be enrolled. If there is no judgment information, indicate "N/A" in one of the boxes below.

Judgment in Favor of (List name(s) below)	Judgment Against (List name(s) below)	Judgment Amount To be Enrolled (List amount(s) below)
		\$
		\$
		\$

If applicable, describe the property, including tax map information and address, referenced in the order:

The judgment information above has been provided by the submitting party. Disputes concerning the amounts contained in this form may be addressed by way of motion pursuant to the SC Rules of Civil Procedure. Amounts to be computed such as interest or additional taxable costs not available at the time the form and final order are submitted to the judge may be provided to the clerk. Note: Title abstractors and researchers should refer to the official court order for judgment details.

E-Filing Note: In E-Filing counties, the Court will electronically sign this form using a separate electronic signature page.

Jocelyn Newman
Circuit Court Judge

2757
Judge Code

January 4, 2018
Date

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF RICHLAND

City of Columbia,

v.

Marie Therese Assa'ad Faltas,

Appellant.

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

FOR THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Civil Action No. 2013-CP-40-03522

ORDER
RECEIVED

JUL 28 2026

SC Court of Appeals

2018 JAN -4 PM 2:54
RICHLAND COUNTY

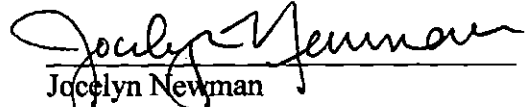
This matter comes before the Court upon "Motion for Hearing on Long Pending Motion to Present After-Discovered Evidence, from which Judge G. Thomas Cooper, Jr. Recused Himself at the Last Minute and which Now Needs to be Heard by Either or Both Judges Newman," which was filed by Appellant *pro se*. A hearing was conducted at the Richland County Judicial Center on January 4, 2018. The City of Columbia was represented by Jessica Mangum, Esquire. Appellant appeared *pro se*.

This action stems from Appellant's previous conviction in Columbia Municipal Court. That conviction was appealed and affirmed by the Circuit Court and, later, appealed and affirmed by the South Carolina Supreme Court. A remittitur was issued on August 17, 2017 by the Supreme Court, remitting the case back to Circuit Court. Appellant now asks for the case to be reopened so that she may present after-discovered evidence. However, because the Circuit Court was acting only in its appellate capacity with respect to Appellant's conviction, her motion is more properly addressed to the trial court.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Appellant's "Motion for Hearing on Long Pending Motion to Present After-Discovered Evidence..." is DENIED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Richland County Clerk of Court issue a Remittitur in this action and that the case be REMANDED to Columbia Municipal Court in accordance with its procedures¹ and Rule 221(b) of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.


Jocelyn Newman
Presiding Judge

January 4, 2018
Columbia, South Carolina.

¹ The South Carolina Clerk of Court procedural manual provides, in part: "From time to time, summary court appeals decided by the Circuit Court may be appealed to the Court of Appeals or the Supreme Court. When the case is remitted back to the Circuit Court by the Court of Appeals or the Supreme Court, the Circuit Court Clerk of Court is responsible for sending the remittitur back to the Summary Court which originally heard the case."