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BEFORE THE SUPREME COURT ("S Ct") OF SOUTH CAROLINA ("SC")

Austin Woods v. Marie-Therese Assa'ad Faltas

AND

Green Alpha Property Management v. Marie Assa'ad Faltas,

(incorrectly captioned below as *Marie Faltas v. Green Alpha*)

Appellate Case No. 2026-00----

from 2026-001241

Appellate Case No. 2026-00----

from 2026-001573

Also Please file in Appellate Cases Nos. 2026-001241, 001246, and 001573

TIMELY PETITIONS FOR *CERTIORARI* TO SC's COURT OF APPEALS ("SC CoA")

COMBINED with: (1) *Suggestion* for Consolidation of the two *certiorari* petitions (a) for judicial economy and (b) because (i) the landlord entity is one in both cases but after changed ownership and name and (ii) the issues overlap in both cases; **and** (2) *Requests* for the Court in its Administrative Capacity to (a) Admonish its Office of Court Administration to Obey § 18-1-120, SC Code of Laws, and (b) Clarify the Chain of Supervision of SC's Magistrates Courts Clerks.

SC CoA denied rehearing in both 2026-001241 and 2026-001573 on 24 August 2026. These timely *certiorari* petitions meet Rule 242(b), SCACR, considerations and should be granted on all questions fairly presented below to former or current Richland County Magistrates Coble, Stroman and Wofford-Kanwat, to Orangeburg County Magistrate Dash sitting by (erroneous) designation in Richland County, to SC's circuit court sitting in the persons of the several SC circuit judges who entered orders in 2018-CP-40-00963 and of SC Circuit Court Judge Coble, who entered rulings in 2026-CP-40-01934, and to SC CoA, as evidenced in magistrates' returns, public indices, and C-track below, all of which documents are hereby sought to be considered as appendices hereto.

This Court is also hereby asked to answer (if due process lets it judge its own acts) these questions which are clearly above the lower courts' jurisdiction and/or comity:

1 – SC's Constitution and laws treat magistrates differently from SC circuit judges in nomination-to-election versus appointment-to-confirmation, terms of office, salaries, subject-matter and territorial jurisdiction (only one county for magistrates but statewide for circuit judges). No SC Chief Justice is known to have designated a magistrate to sit in circuit court or as acting SC S Ct Justice. **Is SC's Chief Justice empowered to designate a magistrate from one county to sit in another?** Marie Assa'ad-Faltas, MD, MPH, *pro se*, without false humility urges the answer is NO.

2 – If **all** magistrates of a county belatedly declare themselves recused for reasons pre-dating filing of certain case(s), (a) **are all those magistrates' pre-recusal acts in affected case(s) void *ab initio*?** and (b) **should the affected case(s) be transferred to circuit court specially where the statute governing said case(s) gives the circuit court concurrent jurisdiction?** Dr. Assa'ad-Faltas urges the answers are YES and YES.

3 – If a magistrate sat on an eviction case brought by a specific landlord against a named tenant but later that magistrate gets elected to circuit court and that *very* landlord changes name and seeks to evict *same* tenant who asserts same defenses ignored by the erstwhile magistrate now-SC circuit court judge who gets the case in his/her appellate capacity, **should that circuit judge mandatorily recuse him/herself?** Dr. Assa'ad-Faltas urges the answer is YES.

4 – If in the course of reviewing a case, this Court sees clear and convincing evidence that lawyer(s) and/or law firm(s) violated the duty of candor to tribunal, **should this Court on its own initiative, notwithstanding any action/inaction by ODC, initiate its own proceedings against the deceitful lawyer(s)/law firm(s)?** Promotion of public confidence urges a YES answer.

These sought-to-be-consolidated petitions are supported by spiritual facts and worldly facts, the latter summarized below. Spiritual facts are proven by their very invocation. Dr. Assa'ad-Faltas' commitment to Prevention stems from her faith that God, who sees hidden charity, also knows the evils which get prevented, and which no human ever seers or thanks, and rewards thereafter.

This Court is prayed to read Dr. Assa'ad-Faltas': (1) submission of her preventive ideas, not as control or "scorched earth," but as stewardship of her God-given talents; (2) insistence that law without natural sciences is magic-mongering, not as superiority of those who studied natural sciences over those who studied only law, but as hope that this Court is open-minded to strengthen the law with mandatory deference to natural sciences even if they replace the adversarial strife (which is a post-Constitution judicial invention in any event); and (3) courageous exposition of the true reason for this Court's 180°-turn against of her in 2008, not as recrimination, but as hope that, once seeing the devastation reeked on Dr. Assa'ad-Faltas and her innocent family by what Retired/Active SC Chief Justice Jean Toal saw as a harmless courtesy to the friend of a federal judge's second wife, this Court would want to render Dr. Assa'ad-Faltas' family whole.

If this Court cannot see how it treated Dr. Assa'ad-Faltas as evil *solely* because her survival needs were contrary to a scheme devised by a husband of a friend of a federal judge's second wife, it is asked to convene a substitute supreme court to review all related matters before Dr. Assa'ad-Faltas literally dies with her ideas unheeded and her contributions unmade.

Summary of Most Relevant Worldly Facts

South Carolina's longest-serving U.S. Senator, a former state judge and governor, fathered a biracial daughter by what can only be statutory rape of an African-American teen-aged housemaid. Strom Thurmond never in his lifetime publicly acknowledged Essie-Mae or her issue but sent her "disbursements" via one of his nephews he appointed as a federal bankruptcy judge. Strom Thurmond launched his political career as a segregationist and maintained it through his invention of "constituent services," which are basically glorified nepotism/vote buying. He elevated lawyers who worked in his office and kept his secret to federal judgeships and U.S. attorneys and drilled in them the "virtue" of this approach that this is how a once-U.S.-attorney recounted it with pride and joy to SC's Judicial Merit Selection Commission reviewing Debra Chapman's candidacy:

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[Page 125: 19-20] CHAIRMAN SMITH: Thank you very much. Any questions for Ms. Chapman? Mr. Strom.

[21-23] MR. STROM: Mr. Chairman, I do want to put on the record, and Ms. Chapman mentioned it, that she worked with me twenty-something years ago.

[24 to page 126:1] MS. CHAPMAN: Pete, it was longer than that. I think it was probably, I hate to say this, like 29 years ago.

[2-4] MR. STROM: And unfortunately since you've moved to the lake, we haven't seen each other much over the last --

[5-6] MS. CHAPMAN: I haven't seen you in ten years.

[7-9] MR. STROM: I do want to commend you, and I think this is worth telling. Ms. Chapman was working at the -- what grocery store?

[10 – 11] MS. CHAPMAN: The Chapin Red and White Grocery Store.

[12 to Page 128:24] MR. STROM: [12-17] Chapin Red and White. And Strom Thurmond came through there campaigning. You had a high school degree. And you all see her personality. And he offered her a job in Charleston. And she moved to Charleston, worked full-time and went to the College of Charleston. [18-21] Well, not only did she do that, but her sister, shortly after she moved down there, came to see Debbie and said, "Here's my infant. And I can't take care of her." [22 to page 128:4] So Debbie worked full-time, raised a baby that wasn't hers, and finished the College of Charleston. During this time she handled all the judicial elections on the -- on the federal side for Senator Thurmond. So she became friends with Judge Anderson and Wilkins, and Judge Joe McCrorey and Traxler, all the judges we know that Senator Thurmond appointed. And they decided that she needed to go to law school. [5-8] And those judges raised the money for her books. I remember somebody else bought her a computer. I got a call from Judge Joe McCrorey, and said, "We'd like for you to hire this woman as a law clerk." [9-10] I said, "Judge McCrorey, I appreciate you all considering me, but I've got more than I need." [11-14] And I hung up the phone. And three minutes later,

Judge Joe Anderson called me. And I said, "Yes, sir. When does she need to start and how much do I need to pay her?" [15-22] And, you know, again, you've seen her personality. And she's had just a phenomenal work ethic. She's the kind of person that everybody likes. And I think you'd make just an excellent judge. I think there would be no better temperament than you. People -- everybody who knows you, loves you. There are some people in your past that were a little jealous. But you're right, it's been twenty-something years since anybody went to the Salty Nut. [23-24] I believe Representative Rutherford was probably there some of that same time.

[25] MS. CHAPMAN: I think he was.

That is **not** to detract from now-SC Circuit Judge McCaslin's talents and diligence; **nor** does it suggest that Judge Anderson felt anything other than "southern" civility in getting the late U.S. Magistrate McCrorey to tell Pete Strom to jump and when the latter did not, Judge Anderson made the call himself and Pete Strom asked "how high?" It is to say that Dr. Assa'ad-Faltas now sees the world as divided between those who had a chance and those who never did. Who knows how many young women were as talented and diligent as Debra Rulova but never chanced across Strom Thurmond? **The problem with nepotism is NOT that it *could* install unqualified people; it is that equally qualified ones without connections never have a chance.**

A Coptic Christian in majority-Moslem Egypt, having had Moslem colleagues of *exactly* the same highest score on the *extremely* competitive anonymously-scored multi-subject multi-day national examination which then determined admission to Egypt's then-only-public universities and its very selective then-only-public medical schools, but on graduation from *the same medical school* seen only the Moslem graduates considered for professorship tracks, and later learning how Islamists had by then invaded government, Dr. Assa'ad-Faltas knew she never had a chance despite her talents and diligence *and* that she was expected to accept it as "the natural order" of things.

She now knows she never had a real chance in SC's judicial system. Sure, an occasional judge gets curious about a *pro se* prodigy and wants to see her "in action." Seeing no immediate advantage or threat from that *pro se* prodigy's adversary, the judge rules fairly for the *pro se* prodigy. But if even a mere proverbial feather is added on the other side, the scales not only tilt but tumble.

That proverbial feather was Sharon Bonner Koon, who in 2002 rented a mortgaged house to Dr. Assa'ad-Faltas and her mother. Koon's mortgage had a "4-1 rider" which gave the lender the rent income if the borrower defaults on mortgage payments. Koon's monthly mortgage was \$700.⁰⁰, the *exact* rent she was charging Dr. Assa'ad-Faltas and her mother. Koon decided to have her cake and eat it too: to pretend the house was her primary residence then default on the mortgage and have it paid off by the federal HMAP meant for owner-occupied residences **only**. For that, Koon needed to evict Dr. Assa'ad-Faltas and her mother but had no legal basis to do so as their lease clearly gave tenants alone the right to no-fault end their tenancy and they were otherwise rent-paying and law-abiding. Enter Susie Jones Wooten, Koon's BFF since high school, and now-Senior-U.S.-District-Judge Terry Wooten's second wife. It matters not that this relationship to then-SC-Chief-Justice Jean Toal was remote and attenuated; it was an I.O.U. Toal could collect weighed against **nothing** she could collect for Dr. Assa'ad-Faltas and/or her mother. In the judicial "mind" established by Strom Thurmond's "constituent services," Toal saw as evil anyone who unsuspectingly hindered those "services." Dr. Assa'ad-Faltas had, not only to be ruled against, but to be portrayed as unreasonable, then frivolous, then vexatious, then a figurative leper who should not even have the right to talk to public employees of the "judicial branch" during business hours about her own cases. And she should see that as the natural order of things or be held in contempt.

This is *exactly* the Islamists' conduct which preaches it is "*haram*" (sinful) for Moslems to talk to Copts or congratulate them on Christmas or Easter and Copts should accept that as "*the natural order*" because they are "*Kafir*" (infidels). But the only "natural order" Dr. Assa'ad-Faltas accepts derives from natural sciences including behavioral sciences which conclude that, when you devalue others' lives, you *eventually* come to devalue your own and your

children grow to devalue theirs. Notice how Islamists evolved suicide bombers after setting at naught the lives of those they brand as kafirs? Similarly, the suicide rate among lawyers is high because they set at naught the lives of non-lawyers, specially those who want to speak for themselves rather than hire lawyers, and more specially the non-lawyers who expose lawyers' failures.

Of the lawyers imposed on Dr. Assa'ad-Faltas and the false witnesses against her, a majority had disciplinary or criminal issues, or they or their children suicided or were convicted of other crimes *after* they had harmed Dr. Assa'ad-Faltas as listed below in approximate chronology of contacts.

Of Larry Wayne Mason's only two biological sons, Richard Wayne Mason reportedly committed suicide and Christopher James Mason reportedly died of sepsis from drug injections.

Charlene Crouch was convicted of public drunkenness and sexual touching of a vulnerable adult. Her only daughter had drug convictions and has a pending charge of assault.

Teresa Ingram was arrested for shoplifting and solicitation for prostitution in Florence and later pled to marijuana possession in Columbia; she and her brother, Rodney, were evicted ten times.

Former CPD "Investigator" Amanda Star Blanton was arrested for disorderly conduct.

Mark Schnee, who had pretended Dr. Assa'ad-Faltas wanted him to ignore "ethics," got disbarred.

April Sampson's barely-adult daughter was arrested for attempted murder with a firearm, pled to aggravated breach of peace, and is now accused of drug possession.

Charles Cushman, who falsely accused Dr. Assa'ad-Faltas of paranoia when assigned to resolve her fee dispute with David Farrell, was arrested for what amounts to taking bribes to dismiss cases in Cushman's capacity as Camden City Attorney and later pled to misconduct in office.

Former SC Chief Justice Pleicones' grandson committed suicide. Former SC Circuit Judge D Craig Brown, who had solicited assignment to Dr. Assa'ad-Faltas' cases then plotted to have her held in contempt of court some way, resigned abruptly, claiming he accepted another offer he "could not ignore or refuse" for his "family." His resignation letter is MAFIA-evoking and his dealings with Dr. Assa'ad-Faltas are not unlike an inmate who seeks a deal by claiming a cellmate confessed.

Andy Fiffick, IV, who dismissed Dr. Assa'ad-Faltas' SC JMISC complaint against Jurist Kittredge's candidacy for SC Chief Justice, committed suicide.

No vengeful god and no superstition, only the natural order in behavioral sciences.

In affirming Dr. Assa'ad-Faltas simple assault on Dinah Steele, Justice Kittredge wrote "relentless harassment" of Steele by Dr. Assa'ad-Faltas. **Where did that come from?** Dr. Assa'ad-Faltas had long been functionally *acquitted* of harassing Steele. Either SC's Chief Justice flips "innocent until and unless proven guilty" into "guilty even after proven innocent" or he heard *and believed ex parte* gossip from that ever-helpful Susie Jones Wooten, Steele's neighbor in Elgin, SC, or both.

If tangled web it is, posterity shall untangle it. If this Court cannot leave for posterity a *concrete* act of which Dr. Assa'ad-Faltas was duly convicted to justify loss of her right to advocate for herself and to even speak to public employees in public offices about her public business during business hours, it should render Dr. Assa'ad-Faltas whole from **all the sequelae** of "what happened in 2009." *Certiorari* should be granted and all consequences of her false 2009 arrests re-examined.

Sincerely submitted on 23 September 2026 and served the same day by postage-prepaid first-class U.S. mail properly-addressed to each of Jason Hunter and Austin Woods Rental Office and by hand-delivery to SC CoA.

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