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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
In The Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM RICHLAND COUNTY  
Court of Common Pleas

Perry H. Gravely, Circuit Court Judge  
Case No. 2018-CP-40-0963

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Austin Woods Apartments,

Respondent,

v.

Marie Assa'ad-Faltas, MD, MPH,

Appellant.

**NOTICE OF APPEAL, MOTION TO PROCEED ON APPEAL *In Forma Pauperis*,  
NOTICE OF FULL PAYMENT FOR COMMON PLEAS COURT TRANSCRIPT,  
AND MOTION FOR APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL**

Marie Assa'ad-Faltas, MD, MPH, *pro se* hereby gives and serves Notice of Appeal from Circuit Judge P. Gravely's 13 August 2018 dismissal of this case and his 21 August 2018 denial of Appellant's timely motion for reconsideration and supplement thereto. Both orders are attached.

Appellant further seeks leave to proceed *i.f.p.* based on the information filed in the Circuit Court, which has not changed substantially but remains true and based on which the Circuit Court granted Appellant leave to proceed *i.f.p.* Because the transcript of the Circuit Court proceedings consists of only 9 pages, Appellant was, despite her entitlement to *i.f.p.* status, able to pay for it in full as evidenced by the Court reporter's attached paid invoice and now has that transcript on hand. The proceedings in magistrate's court were not transcribed by any court reporter but are still to be received *verbatim* or in summary form from the magistrate upon his return on this appeal.

Appellant moves this Court to appoint counsel for her because: (1) she tried but failed to retain counsel, (2) this appeal is very meritorious, and (3) denial of appointment of counsel for Appellant while requiring her to be represented by counsel effects a final, severe, and arbitrary denial of her right to meaningful access to the courts of this State on a basis of equality with other similarly-situated litigants

Respectfully served on 12 September 2018 to be filed as soon as South Carolina's Court of Appeals reopens or within ten (10) days of service hereof, depending on the weather conditions.

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**PROOF OF SERVICE**

I certify that I have served the Notice of Appeal on Respondent, Austin Woods Apartment, by hand-delivering a copy of it to Austin Woods Apartments' Rental Office located at 7648 Garners Ferry Road, Columbia, SC 29209, and there and then handing it to a person of sound age and discretion and known to me to be an agent of Austin Woods Apartments. I also hand-filed a copy of this Notice of Appeal with the Clerk of Richland County's Court of Common Pleas, all on 12 September 2018, and all God so willing.

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