

The Supreme Court of South Carolina

Marie Assa'ad-Faltas, Respondent,

v.

State of South Carolina, Petitioner.

Appellate Case No. 2019-000036

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S.C. SUPREME COURT

ORDER

Due to her "lamentable history of vexatious filings and inappropriate conduct toward the courts of this State, its officers, and employees," this Court issued an order, dated September 27, 2017, providing,

Respondent may not represent herself *pro se* as a plaintiff in a civil action in any court of this State. Instead, she must be represented by counsel before any court of this State when appearing as a plaintiff. Respondent is advised that she is not precluded from addressing non-frivolous grievances she may have (as a plaintiff) in the courts of this State, assuming she is represented by an attorney licensed to practice law in South Carolina.

In re Assa'ad-Faltas, S.C. Sup. Ct. Order dated Sept. 27, 2017.

The State now asks this Court to clarify, in its original jurisdiction, the order to address whether the prohibition on Respondent appearing *pro se* as a plaintiff in civil matters applies to applications for post-conviction relief (PCR), which are heard in the court of common pleas and, therefore, considered civil actions. In addition, the State asks the Court to remove Respondent's PCR matters from the circuit court, issue writs of mandamus and prohibition, stay PCR proceedings below, and expedite resolution of its requests to this Court. Respondent opposes the State's requests and asks the Court to lift the restrictions previously imposed on her.