

The South Carolina Court of Appeals

Marie Assa'ad-Faltas, Respondent,

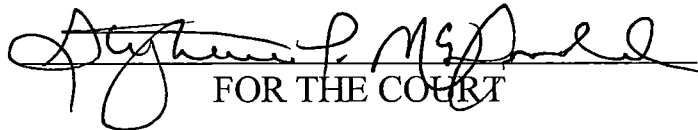
v.

State of South Carolina, Petitioner.

Appellate Case No. 2019-000708

ORDER

After careful consideration, Respondent's motion to relieve counsel and proceed pro se is denied. *See City of Columbia v. Assa'ad-Faltas*, 420 S.C. 28, 47, 800 S.E.2d 782, 792 (2017) ("Appellant's long history of abusing the judicial process, coupled with her conduct in this case in abusing and harassing courts and court officers; disrupting, delaying, and prolonging proceedings; and persistently disregarding and circumventing the orders of this Court aimed at curbing her improper conduct all underscore the Court's interest in preventing Appellant's further manipulation of the system and in ensuring the integrity and efficiency of the trial."); *United States v. Frazier-El*, 204 F.3d 553, 560 (4th Cir. 2000) ("A trial court must be permitted to distinguish between a manipulative effort to present particular arguments and a sincere desire to dispense with the benefits of counsel.").


FOR THE COURT

Columbia, South Carolina

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The Honorable Perry H. Gravely

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