

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
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 COUNTY OF RICHLAND)
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 Marie Assa'ad-Faltas,)
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 Applicant)
 v.)
 State of South Carolina and)
 City of Columbia,)
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 Defendants.)
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**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
 FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

Case No.: 2018-CP-40-01798

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This matter was before the Court pursuant to the State's Motion to Dismiss without prejudice and the Applicant's Motion for Default Judgment. There was much confusion over the hearing itself. The Applicant believed that this was to be a hearing on the merits, while the State asserted that the hearing was solely for the motions. Witnesses were present, the Applicant having served several subpoenas. At least one witness has filed a Motion to Quash their subpoena.

The procedural history of this case is complex. The Applicant was convicted of Simple Assault and Battery on April 25, 2013 in the Municipal Court of Columbia. The Applicant was represented by Theodore N. Lupton in the trial of the case. The Applicant filed an appeal on April 25, 2013. The appeal worked its way up to the South Carolina Supreme Court, ultimately being denied on August 17, 2017. The Applicant then appealed to the United States Supreme Court, which denied certiorari on October 1, 2018. The Applicant filed for rehearing. This request still is pending before the United States Supreme Court. The Applicant further filed a Motion for New Trial in the Municipal Court of Columbia on the basis of newly-discovered evidence, and that motion still is pending.

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The Applicant filed this action for Post Conviction Relief on April 2, 2018. The Petition was served on the State, and the State timely answered the Petition on May 21, 2018. In addition to denying the relief sought by the Applicant, the State moved for the case to be dismissed on the grounds that it was being brought improperly since an appeal still was pending. The Applicant amended her Petition on September 10, 2018. The State did not file an Amended Return initially. The Applicant moved for a default judgment on November 19, 2018. The State then filed an Amended Return on December 3, 2018.

The State moves to dismiss the PCR Application without prejudice, since the matter still is on appeal with the United States Supreme Court.

Statutory law directly addresses this issue:

SECTION 17-27-45. Filing procedures for post-conviction relief applications.

(A) An application for relief filed pursuant to this chapter must be filed within one year after the entry of a judgment of conviction or within one year after the sending of the remittitur to the lower court from an appeal or the filing of the final decision upon an appeal, whichever is *later*.

The State has moved that the action be dismissed without prejudice due to the Applicant's case still being on appeal with the U.S. Supreme Court. The Applicant cites several cases, arguing that she has exhausted her appeals on the State level and that she would be forced to choose between constitutional remedies. The State asserts that the Applicant's Motion for Rehearing with the U.S. Supreme Court constitutes an "appeal" as contemplated by the aforementioned statute.

It has been longstanding precedent in American jurisprudence that the Fourteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution gives the U.S. Supreme Court ultimate jurisdiction over all criminal law matters, even those originating solely in state courts. In our present case, the U.S.

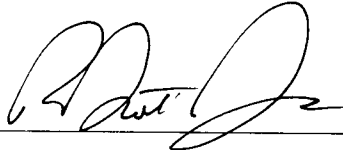
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Supreme Court could, in their discretion, issue a dispositive order. That body could reverse the Applicant's conviction, remand for a new trial (the exact remedy that she seeks with this PCR application), decide to hear the case and affirm the conviction or simply deny the Motion for Rehearing. In reading the plain language of the statute, the Applicant's time for filing her PCR would not begin to run until such time as the U.S. Supreme Court issues an order denying her appeal.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS ORDERED THAT, this application for Post Conviction Relief is denied without prejudice. All other matters pending before this Court on this application are rendered moot by this Order.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED!

January 3, 2019
Walhalla, South Carolina



R. Scott Sprouse, Judge
Fifth Judicial Circuit

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

JUDGMENT IN A CIVIL CASE

CASE NUMBER: 2018CP4001798

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DEFENDANT(S)

Submitted by:

Attorney for : Plaintiff Defendant or Self-Represented Litigant

DISPOSITION TYPE (CHECK ONE)

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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.

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INFORMATION FOR THE PUBLIC 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.

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Date

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This judgment was entered on the _____ day of _____, 20____ and a copy mailed first class or placed in the appropriate attorney's box on this 17 January 2019 to attorneys of record or to parties (when appearing pro se) as follows:

Marie Assaad Faltas

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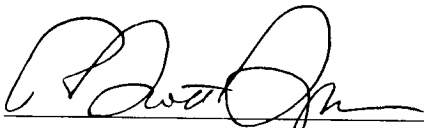
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The Order should read that the "Applicant was convicted of Simple Assault on April 25, 2013 in the Municipal Court of Columbia."

All other provisions of this Court's Order dated January 3, 2019 shall remain in full force and effect.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED!

January 4, 2019
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19 March 2019

The Honorable Robert L. McCurdy, Esquire, Deputy Director
South Carolina's Office of Court Administration
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Re: **Improper withholding of my appeal bond by the City of Columbia's Municipal Court ("CMC")
And Dentsville Magistrate Newsom's ("DMN") refusal to make a return or provide recording**

Your Honor:

In appreciation of, and need for, your office's unfailingly correct and fair directions to South Carolina's ("SC") summary courts, and for judicial economy of the circuit court, I respectfully ask you to direct CMC and DMN to fulfill their respective duties in the Ordinance Summons **201310** case and in the Courtesy Summons L066971 case, in each of which I was convicted in CMC in April 2013 and sentenced, on 25 April 2013 by then-CMC-Judge-Solomon to thirty (30) and twenty (20) days, respectively **with NO fine**. Both sentences were stayed pending appeal upon my payment of a \$470.00 bond and a \$1,092.50 bond, both of which I posted on 26 April 2013 and appealed both convictions and both sentences to Richland County Circuit Court. The first appeal, numbered 2013-CP-40-03525 at the circuit court ended there in October 2014 and in SC's Court of Appeal in late 2015/early 2016. **My appeal bond should have been refunded in 2016, three years ago, at the latest.** I cannot be taken into custody to serve that sentence because Retired SC Chief Justice Toal, sitting as an SC senior/active circuit judge, **vacated that conviction in PCR case number 2016-CP-40-01444. There is absolutely no theory under which CMC can continue to hold on to that bond.** It was an appeal bond and the appeal ended. It is not a trial bond because it was not paid as such and, in any event, CMC cannot retry me itself because all its judges are recused. And it definitely is not a PCR bond because none was assessed. I stand now innocent of Ordinance Summons 2010310; and CMC is continued to convert my money in violation of *Nelson v. Colorado*, 137 S.Ct. 1249 (2017). Even if SC's Supreme Court were, God forbid, to reverse the grant of PCR to me, CMC would still not be entitled to that money. All they could do is take me into custody; then I would be entitled to *federal habeas* and it would be up to the federal court to release me on conditions of its own setting. So, I ask you to please explain that to CMC and direct them to refund my bond forthwith.

In Courtesy Summons L066971, the appeal ended in August 2017; then-CMC-Chief Dana Turner refunded my bond in 2018. After years of delay, DMN Newsom, who heard it over my objection due to conflicts with all CMC judges but also with DMN, denied my motion to reopen based on after-discovered evidence under SC Crim.R. 29(b). My new appeal to Richland County Circuit Court, 2019-CP-40-01374, is proceeding along with PCRs ~~2018-CP-40-01798~~ and 2019-CP-40-00112 of the same conviction. But DMN refuses to make a return on appeal or to provide me with a free recording and/or transcript of the Rule 29(b) proceedings in violation of *Mayer v. City of Chicago*, 404 U.S. 189 (1971), and *M.L.B. v. S.L.J.*, 519 U.S. 102 (1996), and their ancestry and progeny. So, I respectfully ask your office to remind DMN of his duties.

Thanks in advance for what I hope would be a prompt and gracious response and God bless.

Yours,  Marie Assa'ad-Faltas, MD, MPH, Defendant *pro se*

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The Honorable Jocelyn Newman, Chief Judge for Common Pleas Administrative Purposes in SC's 5th Circuit.

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BEFORE THE SUPREME COURT OF SOUTH CAROLINA **Appellate Case No. 2019-000036**
On a Mishmash of Applications by the State relative to RICHLAND COUNTY Court of Common Pleas,
And Apparently Related to Circuit Court Case No. 2018-CP-40-01798

Marie-Thérèse Assa'ad-Faltas, MD, MPH, *Respondent/Defendant to Complaint in Original Jurisdiction*
v.
The State of South Carolina, *Petitioner/Plaintiff in this Court's Original Jurisdiction.*

Dr. Assa'ad-Faltas' FORMAL Request for Necessary Records Under FOIA
AND under §§ 14-3-130 and 140, SC Code of Laws

SC's Constitution and Code of Laws provide in §§ 14-3-130 and 140 provide *in toto*:

SECTION 14-3-130. Clerk.

The Supreme Court shall also appoint a clerk, who shall hold his office for four years and who shall have the custody and keeping of its records and shall furnish certified copies thereof to persons desiring the same upon the payment of the fees prescribed by law. He shall receive a fee of fifty cents for each certificate.

HISTORY: 1962 Code Section 15-113; 1952 Code Section 15-113; 1942 Code Section 17; 1932 Code Section 17; Civ. P. '22 Section 17; Civ. C. '02 Section 3821; Civ. C. '02 Section 2725; R. S. 2234 to 2236; G. S. 2109 to 2111; 1896 (22) 3.

SECTION 14-3-410. Court of record; public inspection of records.

The Supreme Court shall be a court of record, and the records thereof shall at all times be subject to the inspection of the citizens of the State or other persons interested. The records shall be kept in a manner prescribed by the justices of the court.

HISTORY: 1962 Code Section 15-131; 1952 Code Section 15-131; 1942 Code Section 15; 1932 Code Section 15; Civ. C. '22 Section 15; Civ. C. '12 Section 3819; Civ. C. '02 Section 2723; G. S. 2091; R. S. 2223; 1896 (22) 3.

Neither now-Justice Few nor now-retired-Justice Moore sat on *this Court* in January 2011. Yet, in *City of Columbia v. Assa'ad-Faltas*, 800 S.E.2d 782 (S.C. 2017) (per curiam), cert. den., 139 S.Ct. 72 (2018), SC Justices Kittredge, Hearn and Few, and Acting Justice Moore signed their names to this:

Since 1997, Appellant has been involved in **fifty-two matters before this Court and twenty-one matters before the court of appeals**, the vast majority of which Appellant has initiated and which have been found to be without merit or frivolous. [¶] During Appellant's attendance at a January 2011 oral argument before this Court in a matter to which Appellant was not a party, Appellant stood and attempted to address the Court to offer her opinion on how the case should be resolved. [*****] Quite frankly, this Court's efforts have not been successful. To the contrary, in the time since our initial December 23, 2009 order attempting to curtail Appellant's inappropriate conduct, the number and frequency of Appellant's meritless filings and inappropriate behaviors has increased rather than decreased. Since December 23, 2009, Appellant has filed (or attempted to file) *pro se* with this Court **thirty-one appeals and petitions for extraordinary writs,** 103 motions and supplemental motions, and **sixty-one other items of correspondence**, in addition to countless phone calls and emails to court staff (notwithstanding this Court's order expressly forbidding such contact). Moreover, since January 2014, Appellant has visited this Courthouse **more than thirty times** despite the fact that no hearing or oral argument was scheduled in any matter involving her.

[Footnote 6] In comparison, during the twelve-year period from January 15, 1997 to December 15, 2009, Appellant commenced only **seventeen actions**.

Dr. Assa'ad-Faltas now *formally demands*: (1) a copy of any all video and audio recordings of all oral arguments before this Court in January 2011, including the video of the case of the month of January 2011; and (2) leave to inspect: (a) the records of all her visits to this Court included in the "more than thirty times" above and any and all security reports demanded/generated relative to those visits; and (b) all "matters" included in the "fifty-two," "twenty-one," and "seventeen actions" quotations above. If certified copies will be needed or requested, the statutory 50 cents for each certification shall, God willing, be paid.

WHEREFORE, this Court should provide those records and correct its public pronouncements accordingly.

Submitted on 21 February 2019 and served on SC's Attorney General by hand-delivery to his office, with courtesy copies also served by hand-delivery to the respective offices of Messers. Dudek and Truluck, all God so willing.

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Dr. Assa'ad-Faltas' REPLY to the Clerk of this Court's Response to Dr. Assa'ad-Faltas' Request for Necessary Records Per FOIA and §§ 14-3-130 and 140, SC Code of Laws

Dr. Assa'ad-Faltas thanks Mr. Shearouse for what would have been a timely response had it been limited to FOIA; but reiterates that the Clerk of this Court has an added statutory duty to produce records of this Court for public inspection and copying upon formal request. Dr. Assa'ad-Faltas hopes she will not now be falsely accused of invading this Court's internal deliberations by noting that the request was addressed to this Court itself through its Clerk. **The Record on Appeal in SC Appellate Case 2015-000941, decided in *City of Columbia v. Assa'ad-Faltas*, 800 S.E.2d 782 (S.C. 2017) (per curiam), cert. den., 139 S.Ct. 72 (2018), does NOT contain any information on the number of Dr. Assa'ad-Faltas' visits to this Court's building.**

If the number of visits published in *City of Columbia* was not obtained through the Clerk, who now denies possession of such list, then *appellate* judges must have *ex parte* contacted SC's Protective Services to obtain factual information of a party to an appeal OR the *appellate* panel surveilled Dr. Assa'ad-Faltas for years.

Similarly, now that the Clerk has asserted that 14 of the 15 recordings of the cases argued before this Court in January 2011 had been destroyed in January 2012, and the video of the 15th case does NOT show Dr. Assa'ad-Faltas standing or interrupting but registers her voice to SC Assistant Attorney General Waters after the Justices had left the courtroom, Dr. Assa'ad-Faltas is saddened that the four members of the panel (two of whom did not even sit on this Court in January 2011) had no scruples against including in a 2017 published opinion supposed facts not of record without first satisfying themselves that those facts are true.

This Court's Clerk also denies knowledge of the source of the number of "matters" this Court put in *City of Columbia, supra*. **The Court itself is now asked for that source.** Alternately, the request for records is now clarified to ask this Court's Clerk to produce *any* list/ print-out available to him through his administrative records of Dr. Assa'ad-Faltas' "matters" before this Court and SC's Court of Appeals *ever* by case/matter number, caption, and dates of filing and termination. Even before C-Track, such internal list existed.

Dr. Assa'ad-Faltas is saddened but steeped in true Christian love which brings joy where sadness was.

The scandal *du jour* (millionaires buying admission to "elite" universities for their children) brings to mind then-SC-House-Judiciary-Committee-Chair Harrison getting his daughter's failing Bar Exam score "adjusted" into a passing score in 2007. Mr. Harrison himself now stands convicted and suspended or disbarred.

In personal humility but endless pride in the education she received, beginning with nuns who got paid *nothing* for the excellent education they gave generations of Egyptian girls and ending with medical school professors who could hold the attention of a 500-student-full lecture hall at a time, Dr. Assa'ad-Faltas tells this Court that millions of dollars cannot buy for its children and grandchildren the education they may receive were this Court to correct its own errors and thus give a public lesson that courage gets rewarded.

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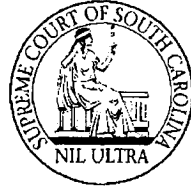
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SC Court of Appeals

Dear Dr. Faltas:

This responds to your request dated February 21, 2019.

As to the audio and video recordings of the arguments held in January 2011, the Roster of Cases for that month shows that (15) cases were argued. Since the records retention schedule only requires these audio recordings to be retained for "[o]ne year after the date of oral argument unless needed for future reference," the audio recording in these cases have been destroyed and are no longer available.

While none of the other cases were video recorded, one of the cases, *State v. Gregory Kirk Duncan*, was video recorded as part of the case of the month program. You may view or download this video without charge on the South Carolina Judicial Department Website at <https://www.sccourts.org/caseOfMonth/Jan2011/index.cfm>. If you would like this office to provide you with a copy on a CD or DVD, I can provide a copy for \$20. Please make any check or money order payable to the South Carolina Judicial Department.

As to the request for a copy of the records in the 31 appeals and petitions for extraordinary writs, 103 motions and supplemental motions, and 61 other items of

correspondence referenced in the 2017 opinion, the Court did not provide a listing of what cases or documents its was referring to. Without such a listing, I am unable to identify the records that you are requesting to inspect.

As to the more than thirty visits to this Court referenced in the 2017 opinion, I assume this number was obtained from the visitor log maintained by the South Carolina Bureau of Protective Services. Since I am not the custodian of this log or any "security reports" related to these visits, I will be unable to provide you with access to inspect this log or any reports.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized initial 'O' followed by a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

CLERK

The Supreme Court of South Carolina

Marie Assa'ad-Faltas, Respondent,

v.

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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.