

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

Appellate Case No. 2022-00----

AND

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF RICHLAND

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
On Application for Post-Conviction Relief (PCR) No. 2019-CP-40-00112

Marie Assa'ad-Faltas, MD, MPH

Applicant's NOTICE of Interlocutory Appeal with Leave

v.

AND Request for Transcript of 27 January 2022 Hearing

State of South Carolina, and City of Columbia, SC

In Richland County Circuit Court in this Matter.

Within ten days of the attached 31 January 2022 ORDER of SC Circuit Judge D. Craig Brown denying relief of counsel and leave for Applicant to proceed *pro se* but granting Applicant leave to appeal interlocutorily, Marie Assa'ad-Faltas, MD, MPH ("Dr. Assa'ad-Faltas" or "Dr. Faltas"), Applicant/Appellant *pro se*, hereby gives notice of interlocutory appeal with leave to SC S Ct and shows that appeal to said Court rather than to SC's Court of Appeals ("CoA") is proper because the denial of Applicant/Appellant's right to *pro se* advocacy is purported to comply with some ORDERS of SC S Ct which ORDERS SC CoA protests powerlessness to overrule or contravene.

Dr. Assa'ad-Faltas is told by her forced lawyer, Timothy Griffith, that the relevant 27 January 2022 hearing transcript was ordered by SC's Attorney General ("SCAG") and that the court reporter indicated to Griffith that the original shall, God willing, be delivered to SCAG, who will then supply a copy to Applicant or her counsel. Therefore, this paragraph should be accepted as satisfying the transcript-order requirement of appeals, **or this Court should order that transcript for itself**, particularly that Dr. Assa'ad-Faltas is presently prohibited from contacting the court reporter.

To not give SC S Ct or its clerk any excuse to reject this notice of appeal as loaded with "irrelevant" or unnecessary matter, a **separate** memorandum of law is filed contemporaneously herewith.

Certificate of Submission AND Certificate of Service AND of Copies

Submitted by hand delivery to SC S Ct and by e-mail to Richland County's Clerk of Court (as she is NOT an employee of SC's Unified Judicial System but of Richland County, SC, and has established filing by e-mail under SC S Ct's ORDERS which post-date, and thus supersede, SC S Ct's 27 September 2017 and 20 September 2019 ORDERS, which latter are invalid anyway as contrary to SC Code of Laws §§ **14-1-100 {"Rights in court shall not be affected by race or color"}** and **40-5-80 {"Citizen may prosecute or defend own cause"}** *inter alia*) and served the same day by **both** hand-delivery and e-mail to SCAG at yasmeenklein@scag.gov, and **copied** by e-mail to: (1) Timothy Griffith at tgriffith@tlgriffith.com, (2) Jessica Saxon at jsaxon@sccid.sc.gov, and (3) Robert Dudek at rdudek@sccid.sc.gov, **all on 10 February 2022**, and all God so willing.



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 State of South Carolina and City of)
 Columbia, SC,)
 Respondents.)

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
 FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Civil Action Number 2019-CP-40-00112

Order

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THIS MATTER came before the Court on January 27, 2022. Applicant was present and represented by Mr. Timothy Griffith. Ms. Yasmcen Klein of the South Carolina Attorney General's Office appeared on behalf of the State. All parties appeared via WebEx.

At the call of the case, applicant renewed her motion to relieve counsel and proceed *pro se*. The court heard applicant's arguments as well as the arguments of Mr. Griffith and the Ms. Klein. The court denied applicant's motion, finding that applicant had failed to state sufficient grounds to relieve counsel. Applicant then asked for leave to make an interlocutory appeal of the court's decision denying her request. This request was granted, and the court continued the case pending applicant's appeal.

It is ORDERED that Applicant has ten (10) days from the date of this order to appeal the court's ruling denying her request to relieve counsel and proceed *pro se* in this PCR matter. Applicant shall proceed with the assistance of counsel as required by our supreme court's September 27, 2017 and September 20, 2019 orders.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

January 31, 2022
 Florence, South Carolina


 The Hon. D. Craig Brown
 Presiding Judge
 Fifth Judicial Circuit

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