

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

SC Appellate Case Numbers 2021-000047, 000048, and 000049

FROM Richland County, SC Circuit Judge Clifton Newman, Cases:

City of Columbia	Plaintiff	
v.		2010CP4007063
Marie Assa'ad-Faltas, MD, MPH	Defendant	
City of Columbia	Plaintiff	
v.		2010CP4008650
Marie Assa'ad-Faltas, MD, MPH	Defendant	
City of Columbia	Plaintiff	
v.		2011CP4002111
Marie Assa'ad-Faltas, MD, MPH	Defendant	

Defendant/Appellant's WITHDRAWAL OF HER MOTIONS TO APPOINT COUNSEL FOR THESE APPEALS

Marie Assa'ad-Faltas, MD, MPH ("Dr. Assa'ad-Faltas" or "Dr. Faltas") does NOT waive her challenge to the validity of this Court's 27 September 2017 ORDER in 2013-000862, arbitrarily and discriminatorily limiting her basic human right to speak for herself, **her statutory right to plead an/or defend her own cause, and** her constitutional rights to equal access to the courts and to equal protection for the laws. **But said 27 September 2017 ORDER (allowing Dr. Assa'ad-Faltas to pro se move for appointed appellate counsel) must be fairly read to at least implicitly also allow her to withdraw such motion after it is made.**

WHEREFORE, Dr. Assa'ad-Faltas hereby WITHDRAWS her motions to appoint appellate counsel in the above-captioned cases **without thereby withdrawing the appeals themselves.** This Court is asked to understand that, after *objectively* seeing that **no punished SC lawyer and no SC convict, however extreme the ethical violation and/or crime, was ever punished with ex ante denial of the right to speak for him/herself,** Dr. Assa'ad-Faltas can no longer acquiesce to the *selective and factually baseless* denials of her own rights and that her conscience makes her reassert that she needs to be heard for herself or not heard at all.

Dr. Assa'ad-Faltas reminds this Court, as the Public Indices below show, that her July 2013 motions to appoint counsel **remained unscheduled for four years** until she, in open-court during recess of other matters, reminded then-presiding SC Circuit Judge Manning of the inordinate neglect of Dr. Assa'ad-Faltas' motions. The motions were scheduled for 21 August 2017 and ruled-on on 8 November 2017. Dr. Assa'ad-Faltas timely sought reconsideration **on the day that followed;** but her motions to reconsider **remained neglected for three more years** despite *annual* reminders of their pendency. Parenthetically, SC Circuit Judge Brown, who had "volunteered" to retain jurisdiction to "see [related cases] through at the circuit court level" has taken no *substantive* action on the other related cases since he received special assignment to them on or before 15 September 2020.

Dr. Assa'ad-Faltas reiterates: (1) she could not have initiated false/frivolous criminal charges against herself; (2) were this Court *genuinely* interested in judicial economy, **it would act against waste of judicial resources and of innocent people's lives on false criminal charges** and would not waste an eighth (1/8) of its workload on writs of *certiorari* improvidently granted ("DIG"); and (3) the within arguments are related to this, Dr. Assa'ad-Faltas' notice of inability to continue acquiescing to neglect of her cases and mistreatment of her person.

Submitted by hand-delivery to an agent of this Court's and served by e-mail to Mr. James at marshall.james@columbiasc.gov, to Ms. Rushing at amy.e.rushing@columbiasc.gov, and on Ms. Saxon at jsaxon@sccid.sc.gov, all on 15 February 2022, and all God so willing.



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