

UNPUBLISHED

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

MARIE ASSA'AD-FALTAS, on behalf of
herself and the class she represents,
Plaintiff-Appellant,

and

SORAYA F. FARES,
Plaintiff,

v.

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA;
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA; CAROL
NANCE; BOARD OF TRUSTEES, in its
corporate capacity; JOHN PALMS,

No. 96-2159

both individually and officially as
USC president; JAMES MOESER, both
individually and officially as
Provost; EDWARD FLOYD, officially
as chair of USC's Board of
Trustees; MARK BUYCK, officially as
chair of USC's Academic Affairs
Committee; THOMAS STEPP,
individually and as Secretary of
USC's Board of Trustees; ALTON
MCCOY, officially as USC's Internal
Auditor; EDWARD VAUGHN, officially
as South Carolina Auditor;

MARGARET STILLWELL, officially as South Carolina Auditor; SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL; DOUGLASS BRYAN, officially as DHEC Commissioner; FOSTER YOUNG, officially as Deputy Commissioner of DHEC; JAMES PADGET, both individually and officially; ROBERT BALL, both individually and officially; JUDY WEEKS, both individually and officially; RUSS MCKINNEY, both individually and officially; WALTER PARHAM, both individually and officially; CLIFFORD SCOTT, both individually and officially; J. O'NEAL HUMPHRIES, both individually and officially; CAROLINE STROBEL, both individually and officially; LAWRENCE DARK, both individually and officially; JAMES EBERSOLE; ERNEST P. MCCUTCHEON; JOAN M. ALTEKRUSE; LAURA BIRD NOTTINGHAM; ERIC BRENNER; JAMES SEARS; MARSHA WELSH, both individually and officially; PATRICK BARRISSI, both individually and officially,
Defendants-Appellees.

and

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA; MARY
SECHRIEST, both individually and
officially; JOHN DOE, unknown
person and private organizations in
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Appeals from the United States District Court
for the District of South Carolina, at Columbia.
Joseph F. Anderson, Jr., Dennis W. Shedd, District Judges.
(CA-94-1578-3-17BC)

Submitted: October 20, 1998

Decided: November 16, 1998

Before HAMILTON, LUTTIG, and MOTZ,
Circuit Judges.

Affirmed by unpublished per curiam opinion.

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GINIA, Richmond, Virginia, for Appellees.

Unpublished opinions are not binding precedent in this circuit. See
Local Rule 36(c).

OPINION

PER CURIAM:

Dr. Marie Therese Assa'ad-Faltas appeals the district court's dismissal of her civil action for abuse of the discovery process and the denial of her motions for reconsideration. We have reviewed the record, the district court's opinions and orders, and all pleadings filed in this court and find no reversible error. Assa'ad-Faltas's repeated failures to produce documents and comply with discovery orders, combined with her demeanor during her deposition, fully warranted the sanction of dismissal. See Hillig v. Commissioner, 916 F.2d 171, 174-75 (4th Cir. 1990); Mutual Fed. Savs. & Loan Ass'n v. Richards & Assoc., Inc., 872 F.2d 88, 92 (4th Cir. 1989). Further, Assa'ad-Faltas's motions for reconsideration were properly denied. See United States v. Williams, 674 F.2d 310, 313 (4th Cir. 1982). Accordingly, we affirm the district court's orders.

We deny as moot Assa'ad-Faltas's motion for reconsideration of this court's denial of her motion to consolidate this case with the appeals in Nos. 96-2086 and 96-2177. See Assa'ad-Faltas v. State Newspaper, No. 96-2086 (4th Cir. July 16, 1998) (unpublished); Assa'ad-Faltas v. Attorney General, No. 96-2177 (4th Cir. Oct. 6, 1998) (unpublished). We decline Assa'ad-Faltas's request to consider this appeal in banc. See Fed. R. App. P. 35; 4th Cir. Loc. R. 35(b). After the briefs were filed, Orin Briggs filed a notice of appearance for Assa'ad-Faltas for the purpose of participating in oral argument. However, we decline to hear oral argument because the facts and legal contentions are adequately presented in the materials before the court and argument would not aid the decisional process.

AFFIRMED