



Dear Sir or Madam:

I write this letter seeking much needed help to resolve an injustice I have faced since 2003. Appointed to my public service employment position as director of Cobb County Pretrial Court Services by the Cobb Superior Court Judges Council in 1983, and serving at the pleasure of the Council, pursuant to Georgia's Uniform Superior Court Rules; the Chief Magistrate Judge, Frank Cox, staged a witch hunt/railroad against me for several months in 2003, illegally terminating me from my position. His actions caused me to lose my salary, unemployment benefits, pension I had well earned from my long years of service, health benefits, etc.

Because I am suing judges for judicial misconduct, have documentation of a Cobb County Superior Court Judge falsifying legal documents, and can prove criminal interference with my due process; many people including lawyers, have been reluctant to help me. This injustice involves several judges on the federal, state, and local levels of government. The case is now heading to the Georgia Supreme Court on appeal, and I am afraid because these people are so powerful and are covered politically everywhere I go seeking justice, the Georgia Supreme Court will be no different.

I held my position for 20 years with a distinguished record, earned numerous awards, and never had one indiscretion. As previously stated, my problem originated in 2003 and was perpetrated by Magistrate Judge Frank Cox and then Chief Superior Court Judge Mary Staley.

Judge Staley wrote a memo to Cox containing false information, asserting that the Georgia Supreme Court had approved for Cox to have supervisory authority over my office and job. This same falsehood would be told in a federal discrimination lawsuit I filed in the U.S. District Court in Atlanta. Judge Staley, according to a deposition given by then Superior Court Administrator Howard "Skip" Chesshire, wrote this and other false statements in a sworn affidavit she reportedly wrote in Chesshire's name. Chesshire, a part of this conspiracy against me, did not object to this document being written in his name and willingly signed it. *Chesshire is the subject of a recent independent investigation, whereby the investigation revealed he engaged in sexual misconduct with subordinate female employees for two decades, ranging from sexual encounters in a judge's chambers, hotel trysts during business hours, and favoritism in exchange for sex.* Despite these wrong doings, he is receiving his retirement from a \$142,500 yearly salary. I am guilty of nothing of but my retirement was taken.

I proved to the Federal Court Judges, Shoob and Baverman, that these statements were false using documentation from the Supreme Court Clerk. The Supreme Court had never made any transfer of authority to Cox. The Federal Court Judges dismissed my discrimination suit while refusing to rule on the authority issue, citing they have elected not to exercise "supplemental jurisdiction." I appealed to the U.S. Appeals Court to no avail.

In an effort to continue seeking justice, I filed a State case of Tortious Interference with Employment in Cobb Superior Court, naming the Superior Court Judges, Frank Cox, and other officials as defendants. The Superior Court judges were represented by Georgia Attorney General Thurbert Baker and his staff. All remaining defendants were represented by outside counsel.

I was unable to obtain legal counsel in both the Federal and State cases, as attorneys were afraid that representing me would hurt their practice. Therefore, I proceeded pro se. My husband, now retired Cobb County Police Detective Charles Spann, joined me in the Superior Court Case. He joined because Judge Mary Staley also attempted to get him terminated from his law enforcement position by falsely stating my husband had “stalked her.” He was eventually cleared by his department, but his reputation had been tarnished.

My husband and I would not learn until 2007 what may have been Staley’s motivation. In 2007, Staley’s sister, Linda Staley-Clark, a principal at a local middle school, was arrested and charged with forgery stemming from false affidavits she wrote in 2003 in the names of other people without their knowledge. Staley-Clark was also charged with lying to a GBI agent during the investigation. Also in 2003, Staley-Clark’s husband was arrested on domestic warrants issued by the Magistrate Court and was held by that court (headed by Cox) on either no bond or a substantially high bond. Judge Staley testified against her brother-in-law at the bond hearing. Four years later, the District Attorney would bring criminal perjury/forgery charges against Staley-Clark who was forced to resign and is now under sentence.

I believe Staley helped Cox take my job in exchange for favors detrimental to the brother-in-law. Cox’s harassment of me was simultaneous to the brother-in-law’s contact with the criminal justice system.

Returning to facts regarding the Tortious Interference with Employment suit, a retired judge, Robert Walther of the Rome Judicial Circuit was appointed. He at that point made himself a part of this cover-up by stating he would not allow me to bring in witnesses, and that he would make his final ruling solely on affidavits.

In the end, he totally disregarded my sworn affidavits which ***affirmed there were Superior Court Judges who stated that Cox did not have the authority to terminate me***. Walther also failed to recognize the clearest evidence I had (documentation from the Georgia Supreme Court indicating this). Instead, he opted to make Cox’s affidavit and Judge Staley’s unsworn and false memo to Cox a part of the Court’s final ruling.

The most egregious act by Judge Walther against me came when he allowed opposing counsel to obstruct the discovery phase, allowing time to run out before the Superior Court Judges had answered key interrogatory questions, particularly the issue of authority.

Walther dismissed my case, but three weeks after signing the dismissal, signed a written order, directing all defendants to answer the interrogatories. It was too late. Walther sent the original copy of

the order to opposing counsel to be filed with the Court Clerk. The attorney, George Weaver, sent it back to Judge Walther asserting he was not under any legal obligation to comply since the judge had already dismissed the case. The original order was never filed with the court record.

My husband and I appealed to the Georgia Court of Appeals. Our case was assigned to judges Ellington, Blackburn, and Miller. After several months of receiving no word on the outcome and filing numerous briefs, we received a one page document from the Court of Appeals, upholding Walther's decision. ***Again, an incorrect dismissal and injustice despite adequately showing proof using the Supreme Court's documents as well as an admission by Cox obtained in his federal deposition, whereby he admitted Pretrial Services was not under Magistrate Court during my employment. Further, there was no mention by the Appeals Court of the erroneous post-act by Judge Walther ordering critical information after dismissing the case.***

The Georgia Court of Appeals wrote no opinion. It simply said they found no errors by the lower court, and that opposing counsel was correct in their briefs. The letter which contained a statement in large print at the top of the page ("Not to be officially reported"), was truly devastating to me and my family. It was one of the worst miscarriages of justice we have ever seen or experienced.

The letter also stated that we could write a letter of reconsideration (motion) within 10 days. Because we are pro se, we needed more time to perfect the motion and filed for an extension. We were denied an extension by the Georgia Court of Appeals within four days of filing our request. We see this as grossly unfair, especially considering the fact that these judges granted extensions to the defendants in filing their motions.

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I need help in exposing what has been done to me and my family. I desperately seek restoration, name clearance, exposure of this corruption, and assurance that this will not happen to anyone else in the future. No one is above the law including judges. I also want the Attorney General Thurbert Baker exposed for willful disregard of the law and wrongfully protecting judges when he knows they have violated the law.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

With Kind Regards,

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