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The Texas Supreme Court frees Shelley Luther!

City Of Dallas v. S&B Hot Mess Enterprises, LLC D/B/A Salon A La Mode and Shelley Luther, Cause No. DC-20-06131, 14th Judicial District Court, Dallas County Texas; *In re: Shelley Luther*, Cause No. 20-0363, Supreme Court of Texas.

On May 5, 2020, Shelley Luther was held in contempt of court by the 14th Judicial District Court, Dallas County, Texas after she respectfully refused to apologize to the court and local elected officials for operating her salon, she was immediately ordered into custody and jailed in the Dallas County Jail for seven days and ordered to pay civil fines. The court's order provided the following provision:

It is further ORDERED that at any time the Defendants should wish to purge themselves of their Contempt, they may petition this Court for release from confinement. Should the Defendants aver under Oath that they shall immediately cease and desist the continued operation of the Salon, publicly express contrition, publicly express contrition for the violation of the Order of this Court and the Orders and mandates of the State of Texas, of Dallas County and of the City of Dallas, and take all steps necessary to comply with the Temporary Restraining Order of this Court, they may seek release.

Instead of apologizing to escape jail, Norred Law sought a Writ of Habeas Corpus. On the morning of May 7, 2020, the Supreme Court of Texas issued an order that Shelley Luther be released, stating, "The Honorable Supreme Court of Texas is of the tentative opinion that a serious question concerning the relief [jail] requires further consideration...".

Additionally, on May 7, 2020, Governor Abbott amended his emergency declarations to retroactively remove jail as an available enforcement tool for such declarations and Texans, such as Shelley Luther, Ana Isabel Castro-Garcia, and Brenda Stephanie Mata, will no longer have to fear going to jail for the crime of cutting hairs at the bequest of their clients in exchange for money.

We thank Ms. Luther for the opportunity to fight for her constitutional rights and the rights of all Texans to earn a living.

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