

Against the Clock – One Attorney Presses for Presidential Pardon before Inauguration Day

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HOUSTON, TEXAS, UNITED STATES, November 18, 2016 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Texas attorney Victoria Broussard knows that time is running out for her client. The relentless ticks of the clock grow louder with every stroke closer to the day where President Obama leaves the Oval Office. Broussard is under the gun because it is vital to her that her client receive a pardon from the outgoing President before that day in late January.

The client in question is Malachi Z. York, who is currently serving a 135-year sentence in an ultra-maximum security prison. York was convicted of RICO charges – charges typically reserved for mobsters and organized crime leaders which, according to Broussard, York definitely isn't.

"Though Dr. York refutes the superseding indictment charges, he was imprisoned after being found guilty on various RICO and structuring money charges in 2004," she explains. "For the past 10 years, he has been housed at Florence ADX, a supermax prison reserved for the most hardened, violent criminals, while he himself is in his 70s,



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non-violent, frail, and in failing health."

Broussard is undeterred even though she frequently finds herself on the receiving end of Internet trolling and name-calling, primarily due to York's history as a charismatic spiritual leader and accused

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"Several of the RICO charges accused him of transporting minors across state lines with the intent to engage in sexual activity, to which he has steadfastly and vehemently maintained he is innocent of," she said. "I know as a survivor of child sexual abuse, people expect me to shy away from representing a man accused of these crimes. However, I have serious doubts about the guilty verdict, which was actually a

hung verdict before the judge informed the dissenting juror, who believed Mr. York was being framed, that she could easily be replaced."

Prior to his conviction, Broussard describes York as a pillar of society, consistently giving thousands of dollars to charity, feeding the homeless, and transforming downtrodden communities. Today, he is 71 years old and suffers from a life-threatening illness, Hereditary Angioedema, for which the Federal Bureau of Prisons neglects to provide him with any of the FDA prescribed medications to lessen and prevent the attacks, leaving him frequently found by unsympathetic guards unconscious on his concrete cell floor. She took on his case and seeks the presidential pardon because of her lifelong passion of combating injustices. A lifelong advocate, her favorite quote is by Edmund Burke: The only thing necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing.

"Dr. York's insane 1,620-month sentence is extremely harsh, as each count received the maximum time according the sentencing guidelines," she said. "Other factors that weigh in favor of a reduced sentence, such as his health status, remorse for any pain this situation caused, age, rehabilitative qualities, past criminal history, the community's desire to embrace his return, and Dr. York's ability to benefit society if released from incarceration should all be considered."

As the fight for York's freedom intensifies, so do threats to her well-being and livelihood, Broussard remains steadfast in her legal belief that York's sentence should be reduced – whether innocent or not of the crimes he was accused of – in light of the recent trends towards rational, corrective, and reformative sentencing advocated by the Obama Administration. Her continued passion for justice impelled her to seek a Presidential commutation for York, and is in the midst of her formal presentation to the White House Pardon Attorney's office. She also created an electronic petition on Change.org and hopes people will read the facts of the case and be inspired to replenish confidence in the criminal justice system by signing in support of York's freedom, which she hopes will be considered by President Obama before he leaves office on January 20, 2017. "Just search for my name, Broussard, and read the petition and sign it," she encouraged.

Determined to overcome the abuse she endured as a child, Broussard gave birth to her brand, Live Well With Your Truth, The Qualified Quantus Mind, a suite of conversion coaching products that organically move people from any shadowy mental place produced by negative or devastating life experiences into their divine, organic self. She is a keynote speaker and member of the RAINN (Rape Abuse Incest National Network) Speaker's Bureau, and has spoken at events sponsored by M.A.C.E. (Ministers Against Child Exploitation), the Hays-Caldwell County Women's Center in San Marcos, the University of Texas, and other Texas organizations. She recently accepted her first Humanitarian Award from a Godsend Foundation and has participated in numerous talk radio and internet interviews, as well as speeches and presentations.

Additionally, Broussard's passion for healing hurts caused by childhood sexual abuse prompted her to create a nonprofit organization called B'yond the Unveiling, which is dedicated to the pursuit of eradicating childhood sexual abuse through a comprehensive "out-of-the-box" approach that treats survivors, but also gives attention to the elephant in the room, those who commit sex crimes against innocent, unsuspecting children.

"I get how unnerving my representation of Dr. York may be for many and I will gladly explain why I took such a controversial case and my defense of Dr. York to any inquiring mind. In brief, I am an attorney who took an oath of office that I would discharge my duties to my clients to the best of my ability, which means serving them with integrity and all the intestinal fortitude I possess. Also, I would love to hear about more examples of justice denied, so that together we can work on giving those who have been on the receiving end of a court system gone amok a chance at redemption and rehabilitation."

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