

SENATE INTERNAL AFFAIRS v. PADILLA  
NOVEMBER 30, 2017

I. PRETRIAL MOTIONS

A. Plaintiff:

1. Cassidie-Anne Toussaint on behalf of Senate Internal Affairs

B. Defendant:

1. Johnathan Padilla

C. Remarks from Chief Justice Eisinger:

1. I am Chief Justice Cooper Eisinger, with me are associate judges Manger Tiuso, Camilo Garcia, and Ana Carolina Andrade. This hearing is Senate Internal Affairs v. Padilla. It will proceed as follows: Opening statement and any evidence by the plaintiff, opening statement and any evidence by the defendant, then we will have a rebuttal and closing statements by the Plaintiff, followed by a rebuttal and closing statement by the defendant. I will then bring the hearing to a close. Since the defendant has not shown up, this hearing and future ruling will be held in absentia.

Ms. Toussaint you may begin your opening statement.

II. HEARING:

- A. Trial Start Time at approximately 1:30-1:33 P.M.

B. Plaintiff's Opening Statement:

Time allotted: Unlimited.

**Plaintiff:** Hello, court my name is Cassidee Toussant I am the community chairwoman for internal affairs and I have brought fourth this case to you because I feel that this particular senator has not been has not been abiding by the constitution and you know, face consequences”.

**Chief Justice Eisinger:** Is there any evidence?

**Plaintiff:** Oh yes! Of course, there's lots of evidence. So, there is evidence regarding their absences from senate meetings, as well as what the constitution says, and then we also have print outs of the office hours participations that were emailed. You can pass it around, and look at it. And within the evidence I have required the minutes from various Senate meetings as well as my personal attendance sheet, the office hours participation sheet, where that you will note the defendant's name is not completed because he did not complete his office hours.

**Chief Justice Eisinger:** Let the record show that the justices with evidence and are taking the time to look at it right now to confirm it. Okay, next we will have the defendant present any witnesses he or she may have but since he is not attending this court hearing it goes back to the Plaintiff for any closing statements.

B. Defendant's Opening Statement:  
Time allotted: Unlimited.  
Defendant not present (held in absentia).

C. Plaintiff's Closing Statement:  
Time allotted: Unlimited.

**Plaintiff:** Hello your honors, my closing statement would be that my request is that the senator is impeached. I have you know extensively spoken to senators who have broken the constitution and have been forth coming that these are the rules they have to follow and if they have any issues with these rules that they can address me or they can put forward a bill so we can change it. And with the senators in question I reached out and gave warnings before continuing with this and this has happened since September and it is almost December. The senator has nothing to show for their time that they've been a senator and that's how we keep in the loop the students who complete office hours. And if you do want to be a senator you have to be available you're your students and be able to spend time being productive and doing what the people elected you for and I believe he has abused his privileges and should be impeached for this, thank you.

**Chief Justice Eisinger:** After that we would have the defendant and they would present their rebuttal or closing statement but as mentioned beforehand the defendant is not here so after that the courts hearing is adjourned and we will go back and do the liberation and with that we will get a ruling within 10 business days and email it to all proper defendants and plaintiff as well.

D. Defendant's Closing Statement:  
Time allotted: Unlimited.  
Defendant not present (held in absentia).

E. Questions By Judges:  
Time allotted: Unlimited.

**Justice Magner:** Wait, I do have one question, so we've heard of all the stuff he hasn't done but to your knowledge has he done anything at all?

**Plaintiff:** From my knowledge recently he sent in excused absences for the past two weeks, and has been working with something for SIPA but hasn't made it very clear as to what he was working with and to my knowledge I don't even know if he's met with his dean. provided no proof for that and with evidence I was not able to provide but reports were due, and I gave everyone an extra two weeks to complete reports because of the hurricane, and he failed to turn it in on time even after I gave the extension, and so from what I've seen I am not a SIPA senator so I don't know if he has discussed with the SIPA senators what he's done.

**Chief Justice Eisinger:** So, it's only what he told you?

**Plaintiff:** Yes, it is only what he's told me, there is no physical proof or evidence that he's done anything.

**Justice Camilo:** I actually have a question too, have you called it to his attention before at all?

**Plaintiff:** Yes, unfortunately they weren't sent in for him to see when I sent it to the chief justice but yes I have sent more emails, on the brink or who had broken the constitution and I had told them you know "you have to do your office hours after this if you don't do them then I will unfortunately have to ask for to get an impeachment and he did not do them. I believe that in his case he did them not the week after I had sent the email but 2 weeks after I had sent it he did complete his office hours, but since then he hasn't been doing them.

**Chief Justice Eisinger:** and just to confirm the office hours he's only done it that one week then?

**Plaintiff:** Yes, but that was after I had sent in the evidence.

**Chief Justice Eisinger:** with that we will get a ruling within 10 business days.