

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF NEW YORK

In the Matter of,

AHMAD AWAD, SOFIA DADAP, SAPPHIRA
LURIE, and JULIE NORRIS,

Petitioners,

-against-

FORDHAM UNIVERSITY,

Respondent,

For a Judgment Pursuant to Article 78
of the Civil Practice Law and Rules.

Index No. 153826/2017

**AFFIRMATION OF MARIA
LAHOOD IN SUPPORT OF
PETITIONERS' MOTION
TO AMEND VERIFIED
PETITION**

Hon. Nancy M. Bannon

Maria C. LaHood, an attorney admitted to the Bar of the State of New York, hereby affirms the following to be true, under penalty of perjury:

1. I am one of the attorneys for Petitioners and make this Affirmation in support of Petitioners' Motion to Amend the Verified Petition.
2. Petitioners are filing this Motion for leave to amend the Petition pursuant to C.P.L.R. 3025(b).
3. Petitioners have not previously amended their Petition as of right under C.P.L.R. 3025(a). Petitioners have also not previously requested leave to file an amended petition under C.P.L.R. 3025(b).

4. On January 25, 2019, I contacted counsel for Respondent Fordham University to request their consent to this Motion. On February 4, 2019, James Ryan, counsel for Respondent, replied that Respondent is not inclined to consent to the amendment.

5. Petitioner Julie Norris is scheduled to graduate from Fordham University in May 2019, at the end of the 2018-2019 Academic Year. The other three Petitioners have already graduated.

6. Petitioners are moving to amend the Petition to add Petitioner Veer Shetty to avoid the possibility that this action will be mooted by the graduation of the current Petitioners before a final determination is rendered.

7. The proposed amendments to the Petition do not include any additional claims.

8. The only allegations changed in the proposed Amended Verified Petition relate to the addition of Veer Shetty as a Petitioner.

9. Attached as Exhibit A is a blacklined copy of the proposed Amended Verified Petition comparing it to the Verified Petition that was filed on April 26, 2017.

10. Attached as Exhibit B is a clean copy of the Proposed Amended Verified Petition.

Dated: February 8, 2019
New York, New York



Maria C. LaHood