

**Statement issued by the Maxwell Family  
following the recent Opinion & Order (Doc. 653) of Judge Alison Nathan**

Our family is profoundly shocked and troubled by the denial of a retrial for our sister, Ghislaine Maxwell.

The court - having pre-determined the very narrow parameters of its own post-trial inquiry of Juror 50 about the untruthful answers he provided in the pre-trial juror questionnaire and, further, at the start of that inquiry approved his immunity from prosecution for perjury – effectively ensured the loading of the dice.

Relying on a contentious interpretation of “controlling law” the court then required 40 pages to justify its decision to deny the Defence’s motion for a retrial stating that “...the limits on the nature of the post-trial inquiry serve the important interest in the finality of judgments”, rather than the upholding of the paramount interests of justice.

The court’s ruling in this matter is as tainted as the original verdict is unsafe.

The fact remains that due to Juror 50’s failure to disclose his own alleged sexual abuse as a child in the pre-trial questionnaire, the Defence was denied the opportunity to question him on these matters at that time or during the recent hearing.

This strong issue – the impartial consideration of which is of critical importance in the interests of all Defendants - among many other issues pre-, in- and post-trial, will be presented to the Court of Appeal and, like her legal team, our Family is optimistic about Ghislaine’s success on appeal.

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