

Dear members of the lifecircle association,

I promised to keep you informed of the trial that was brought to my mind. As I told you during the GA, I was accused by the prosecutor of the canton of Basel-campaign of homicide and non-compliance with the law on therapeutic products. The trial was very hard to bear and I don't wish anyone to go through something like this.

Our member, Mrs M, passed away in June 2016 and it is from this moment that the charge of the prosecutor of the canton of Basel-Campaign continues. If you have to live with such a weight on your shoulders for more than three years, it can't leave a trace. Especially the days to prepare for the trial as well as the trial itself have exhausted me physically and morally. I have since suffered from autoimmune diseases, caused by stress and worsened for the same reasons. The most visible is galloping alopecia, which is a hair loss caused by stress. I could be told that it is not painful, but for a woman it is quite scary. I don't want to dress up with a wig or scarves, so please be lenient about my change of look - I prefer to stay natural and "no makeup".

On 9 . 7. 2019, it was the president of the court who announced the verdict: acquitted on the charge of homicide. The patient was lucid and able to discern according to the court, so her act was voluntary and determined by herself and no one else. On the other hand, I am accused of acting against the Therapeutic Products Act. I was given a 15-month suspended prison sentence and a fine of CHF 20,000 and to pay the costs of the trial, which amounted to CHF 30,000. The verdict is not yet in charge. My lawyer Moritz Gall and I are going to appeal and we have asked the prosecutor to justify these charges in writing. It will take time, so I don't see the end of it yet. On the other hand, I'll let you know.

Since the trial - and even before - I have seen immense solidarity on the part of the members of our association as well as non-members. It gives me the strength to continue to fight for self-determination at the end of life. Right now, the support is such that even people who don't know me are offering to raise money to raise the funds I need for my defense. I received bouquets of flowers, chocolates and letters of encouragement from our members as well as non-members. Hundreds of people have written to me asking me not to give up and to continue to fight for the legalization of medically assisted suicide. I would like to thank you all, because your positive energy gives me strength. I cannot answer each of you separately, but I thank you all from the bottom of my heart, for your kind words and your loving thoughts.

The Eternal Spirit Foundation continues to work with the same quality and precision. Some of our patients were worried about rumors in the media that I no longer had access to drugs, even though I was no longer allowed to practice. All this information is wrong and I'm going to continue to practice in my GP practice, as well as with mVA's.

As far as the Lifecircle association is concerned, however, there are changes: we are overwhelmed by requests, mainly from abroad. Foreigners too often join only when they are already dying and have only a life expectancy of less than three months. It is very difficult to accompany foreigners and we can no longer accept new members at the moment. That is why they are asked to contact Dignitas in Zurich or Ex International in Bern. As soon as we have dates again to make accompaniments, we will accept new memberships.

I wish you all a beautiful end to summer and above all good health