

**SUPREME COURT OF NOVA SCOTIA**

**Citation:** *Reed v. Iran ( Islamic Republic of )* , 2015 NSSC 226

**Date:** 2015-07-27

**Docket:** *Hfx* No. 422558

**Registry:** Halifax

**Between:**

Tarek A. Reed

*Plaintiff*

v.

The Islamic Republic of Iran

*Defendant*

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**Judge:** The Honourable Justice Peter P. Rosinski

**Heard:** July 16, 2015, in Halifax, Nova Scotia

**Oral Decision** July 27, 2015, in Halifax, Nova Scotia

**Written Release of Decision:** July 29, 2015, in Halifax, Nova Scotia  
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**Subject:** Motion for Directions by Sheriff pursuant to Execution Order  
– *Civil Procedure Rule 79*

**Summary:** Reed obtained reciprocal enforcement of a judgment in the United States. Pursuant to a consequent Execution Order, he requested the Sheriff to seize shares of a Canadian private corporation in which Iran purportedly had an interest, and which were physically located at the offices of a Halifax law firm. The Sheriff was resistant to doing so, and made a motion to the Court for “guidance/authorization of the Court as to what assets in which the judgment debtor has an interest in the jurisdiction of Nova Scotia are legally subject to seizure”.

**Issues:** Was this a proper request for “directions” as set out in the Execution Order and *Rule 79.16*?

**Result:** Whether characterized as not being a proper “Motion for Directions” or as an anomalous request for declaratory relief, the Court declined to give the Sheriff the requested assistance.

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