J. Y. Interpretation No.146 (July 23, 1976) *

ISSUE: What remedy should be sought where, after a criminal judgment becomes final and conclusive, the facts turned out to be inconsistent with the evidence presented?

RELEVANT LAWS:

J.Y. Interpretation No. 43 (司法院釋字第四十三號解釋); Article 445, Paragraph 2, of the Code of Criminal Procedure (刑事訴訟法第四百四十五條第二項).

KEYWORDS:

extraordinary appeal (非常上訴), motion for retrial (再審).**

HOLDING: After the final ruling of a criminal case has been rendered in a trial court, if the facts of the case are found to be contrary to the evidence admitted in the court, the criminal trial at issue is considered to have violated the law and the defendant may file an extraordinary appeal. If the defendant can provide a sufficient reason for retrial, the defendant will be permitted to file a motion for retrial pursuant to the retrial procedures.

解釋文:刑事判決確定後,發見該案件認定犯罪事實與所採用證據顯屬不符,自屬審判違背法令,得提起非常上訴;如具有再審原因者,仍可依再審程序聲請再審。

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REASONING: Except for typos or clerical errors, which are not prejudicial to the facts or ruling of a case and are permitted to be corrected under J.Y Interpretation No. 43, after the final ruling of a criminal case has been rendered in a trial court, if the facts of the case are found to be contrary to the evidence admitted in the court, the criminal trial at issue is considered to have violated the law and the defendant may file an extraordinary appeal. The presiding judges in the extraordinary appeal may, pursuant to Article 445, Paragraph 2, of the Code of Criminal Procedure, correct the legal errors based on the facts determined by the trial court. However, if the defendant can provide a sufficient reason for retrial by proving that the facts of the case were wrongfully determined by the trial court in violation of the law, the defendant will be permitted to file a motion for retrial pursuant to the retrial procedures.

Justice Ji-Jong Wang filed dissenting opinion.

Justice Shih-Ron Chen filed dissenting opinion.

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