

The Supreme Court of South Carolina

Efrain Thomas, Petitioner,

v.

State of South Carolina, Respondent.

Appellate Case No. 2013-000591

ORDER

According to the order of dismissal in this post-conviction relief case, petitioner was represented by appointed counsel until his grandmother hired his current counsel. Counsel for petitioner now moves to be relieved based on a failure to pay his fees.

The motion to be relieved shall be held in abeyance pending a determination by the Division of Appellate Defense regarding petitioner's eligibility for representation by that office. As required by Rule 71.1(g), SCACR, counsel shall assist petitioner in obtaining this determination from the Division of Appellate Defense.

If Appellate Defense determines that it will provide representation, counsel will be automatically relieved as provided by Rule 71.1(g). If Appellate Defense determines that it will not provide representation, the motion to be relieved will then be considered by this Court.



C.J.

FOR THE COURT

Columbia, South Carolina

May 24, 2013

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