

The Supreme Court of South Carolina

Freddie Eugene Owens, Petitioner,

v.

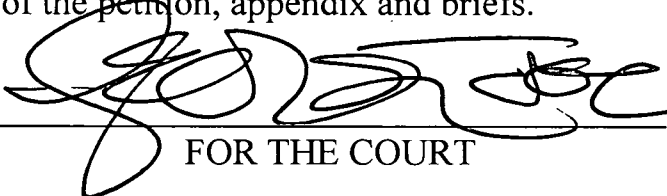
State of South Carolina, Respondent.

Appellate Case No. 2013-001026

ORDER

This capital case is before the Court pursuant to a notice of appeal filed by petitioner from an order of the circuit court denying petitioner's application for post-conviction relief. Emily Paavola, who represented petitioner in the circuit court in this matter, has filed a motion to be appointed as outside counsel to represent petitioner before this Court based on her contention that the Commission on Indigent Defense, Division of Appellate Defense, has a conflict of interest and that she is better situated to provide representation on appeal. Robert Dudek, Chief Appellate Defender, has filed a return in which he agrees that the better practice would be to appoint outside counsel to represent petitioner in this matter.

We find appointment of outside counsel is appropriate in this case. Accordingly, we hereby relieve the Division of Appellate Defense as counsel for petitioner in this matter and appoint Ms. Paavola to represent him. Keir Weyble, who has agreed to assist with representation of petitioner in a *pro bono* capacity, is also appointed to represent petitioner in this matter. The Division of Appellate Defense shall remain associated for the limited purpose of paying for any necessary transcript(s) and providing copies of the petition, appendix and briefs.

 C.J.
FOR THE COURT

Columbia, South Carolina

June 10, 2013

cc:

Emily C. Paavola

J. Anthony Mabry

Robert Michael Dudek