

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
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 COUNTY OF HORRY)
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 Jerome Jenkins, Jr.,)
 Applicant,)
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 vs.)
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 State of South Carolina,)
 Respondent.)
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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
 FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Case No. 2022-CP-26-08071

Order Appointing Counsel

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On December 14, 2022, the Supreme Court of South Carolina assigned this Court to preside over Jerome Jenkins, Jr.’s capital application for post-conviction relief (“PCR”). On June 21, 2023, this Court convened a hearing to determine Mr. Jenkin’s desire and qualifications for court appointed counsel. After inquiry, this Court finds Mr. Jenkins is indigent and desires appointment of counsel. Therefore, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 17-27-160, the Court appoints E. Charles Grose, Jr. and John L. Warren, III to represent Mr. Jenkins. The Court finds that Mr. Grose meets the qualification requirements set forth in S.C. Code Ann. § 17-27-160(B) to be lead counsel and Mr. Warren has capital training and experience qualifying him to be co-counsel. *See Robertson v. State*, 418 S.C. 505, 795 S.E.2d 29 (2016). In support of these findings, the Court makes the following findings of fact:

1) Mr. Grose represented John Kennedy Hughey in his capital PCR case (*Hughey v. State*, Case No. 2000-CP-01-210), subsequent appeals (*Hughey v. State*, (S.C.S.Ct. Op. No. 2015-UP-029) (Filed May 13, 2015) *cert. denied by South Carolina v. Hughey*, 578 U.S. 941 (2016)), and resentencing to life imprisonment (*State v. Hughey*, Case No. 1996-GS-01-00220). He represented Steven V. Bixby in his capital jury trial (*State v. Bixby*, Case No. 2004-GS-01-00321, 00322) and appeal to the South Carolina Supreme Court (*State v. Bixby*, 388 S.C. 528, 698 S.E.2d 572 (2010)). Mr. Grose is current or former PCR counsel in *Jerry Buck Inman v. State*, Case No.

2012-CP-39-00918, *Inman v. State*, 439 S.C. 97, 886 S.E.2d 204 (2023), *Rickey Blackwell v. State*, Case No. 2018-CP-42-00928, *Luzenski Allen Cottrell v. State*, Case No. 2018-CP-26-05709, and *Dickerson, Jr. v. State*, Cases No. 2012-CP-10-3216. He is current or former counsel in several successive capital PCR cases, including *Bobby Wayne Stone v. State*, Case No. 2018-CP-43-01205, *Gary Dubose Terry v. State*, Case No. 2022-CP-32-00924, *Stephen Cory Bryant v. State*, Case No. 2016-CP-43-828, *Stephen Cory Bryant v. State*, Appellate Case No. 2019-000610, and *Donald Jones v. State*, Case No. 2001-CP-29-1030. Mr. Grose is current or former federal habeas corpus counsel in *William O. Dickerson v. Stirling*, C/A 9:22-cv-00108-SAL-MHC, *Stephen Corey Bryant v. Sterling*, C/A No. 9:16-cv-01423-DCN-MHC, *Stephen Corey Bryant v. Sterling*, Case No. 23-4, *Stephen C. Stanko v. Stirling*, C/A No. 1:19-cv-03257-RMG, *Stephen C. Stanko v. Stirling*, Case No. 22-2 and 22-3, *Quincy Allen v. Davis*, Case No. 0:18-CV-01544-DCC, *Allen v. Stephan*, 42 F.4th 223 (4th Cir. 2022), *cert. denied by Chestnut v. Allen*, No. 22-490, 2023 WL 3571631 (U.S. May 22, 2023), *Mikal Deen Mahdi v. Sterling*, C/A No. 8:16-cv-03911-TMC, and *Mahdi v. Stirling*, 20 F.4th 846 (4th Cir. 2021), *cert. denied by Mahdi v. Stirling*, 143 S. Ct. 582 (2023).

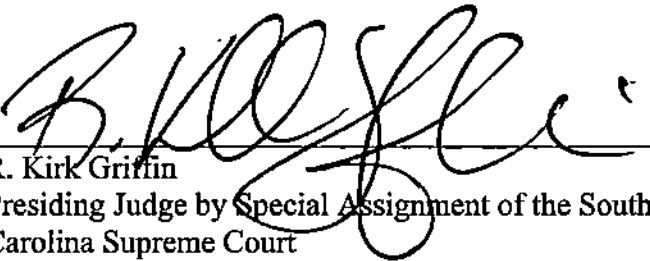
2) Mr. Grose has received significant death penalty training, including but not limited to federal habeas corpus training, through the Annual National Federal Habeas Corpus Seminar, (2021, 2018, 2017, 2015, 2014, 2013, and 2011), NAACP Legal Defense & Educational Fund, Inc.'s Annual Capital Punishment Training Conference, Airlie Conference Center, Warrenton, VA (2012, 2010, and 2005), and Capital Case Initiative, sponsored by South Carolina Commission on Indigent Defense (2013, 2012, 2011, and 2010).

3) Mr. Warren, of Law Office of Bill Nettles, was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in November 2013. Mr. Warren has attended continuing legal education courses, including the

National Federal Habeas Corpus Seminar (2016, 2017), related to capital defense, post-conviction litigation, and appeals. Additionally, Mr. Warren has clerked for Justice John W. Kittredge (Supreme Court of South Carolina), Judge Donald C. Coggins, Jr. (District of South Carolina), and Judge A. Marvin Quattlebaum, Jr. (Fourth Circuit). During each of these clerkships, Mr. Warren worked on capital cases. In private practice, Mr. Warren has been appointed to represent two death-sentenced individuals in federal post-conviction proceedings in the District of South Carolina—Mikal Mahdi (*Mahdi v. Stirling*, No. 8:16-cv-03911-TMC) and Bobby Wayne Stone (*Stone v. Stirling*, No. 2:17-cv-01221-MGL).

IT IS SO ORDERED.

June 21, 2023
Manning, South Carolina


R. Kirk Griffin
Presiding Judge by Special Assignment of the South
Carolina Supreme Court

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