

The Supreme Court of South Carolina

Levon Mintz, Petitioner,

v.

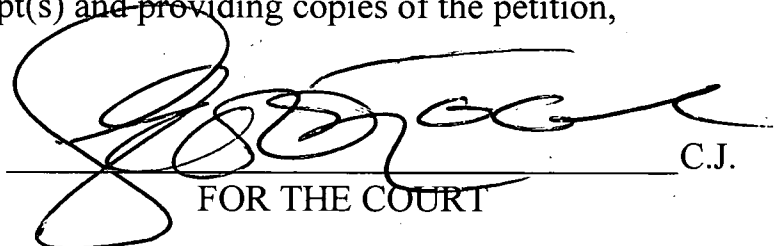
State of South Carolina, Respondent.

Appellate Case No. 2012-212935

ORDER

This matter is before the Court by way of a notice of appeal from an order of the circuit court denying petitioner's application for post-conviction relief in which he raised the sole allegation that the attorney who represented him in filing a direct appeal, Katherine H. Hudgins, was ineffective. Petitioner is represented in the current matter by Wanda H. Carter, who has filed a petition for a writ of certiorari pursuant to *Johnson v. State*, 294 S.C. 310, 364 S.E.2d 201 (1988). Both Ms. Hudgins and Ms. Carter are attorneys with the South Carolina Commission on Indigent Defense, Office of Appellate Defense. Petitioner has filed a *pro se* motion requesting that Ms. Carter be relieved as counsel due to a conflict of interest, that new counsel be appointed, and that the *Johnson* petition filed by Ms. Carter be dismissed.

The motion is granted. Ms. Carter is hereby relieved as counsel and Jeremy Thompson, who represented petitioner before the circuit court in this matter, is appointed to represent petitioner. The *Johnson* petition submitted by Ms. Carter will be treated as withdrawn, and Mr. Thompson shall have thirty days from the date of this order to serve and file a new petition for a writ of certiorari, which may also be in the form of a *Johnson* petition or in the form of a standard petition. The Office 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

July 11, 2013

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