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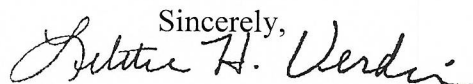
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Re: William Bruce Justice v. State, Roster # 6456

Dear Tricia,

I respectfully request that you mail a copy of this letter to counsel of record in the above case, in which I am sitting as an Acting Associate Justice. Yasmeen Ebbini and Matthew A. Abee, both of Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough, LLP, submitted an amicus curiae brief on behalf of Root and Rebound. In an abundance of caution, I want the parties and all counsel of record to be aware that my husband, Charles Verdin, is a partner in Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough, LLP. While it would in no manner affect my impartiality in the above case, I will recuse myself if any party requests.

I am respectfully requesting that the parties, through their respective counsel, inform you if there is any question or objection to my participation in this matter. I further request that you notify me if there is any question or objection to my participation in this case, so that the Court can make timely arrangements for a replacement judge to be appointed by the Chief Justice as an Acting Associate Justice in this case. Finally, if there is a request that I recuse myself in this case, I want to be informed merely of the fact of the requested recusal and not the identity of the party making the request. It is my intent and hope that this disclosure complies with applicable ethical rules.

Sincerely,  


Letitia H. Verdin