

The South Carolina Court of Appeals

Richard Douglas Waldrup, Petitioner,

v.

State of South Carolina, Respondent.

Appellate Case No. 2022-001380

ORDER

Petitioner's counsel of record filed a petition for a writ of certiorari pursuant to *Johnson v. State*, 294 S.C. 310, 364 S.E.2d 201 (1988), following the circuit court's denial of Petitioner's application for post-conviction relief. Petitioner has filed a pro se letter indicating his belief this court has already relieved counsel, and requests the court consider him self-represented going forward. Counsel has filed a response indicating she did not seek to terminate her representation of Petitioner at this time, but she will not oppose any request to relieve her.

This court has not relieved counsel from representation. Pursuant to *Johnson*, this court will consider Petitioner's arguments, as well as counsel's, in deciding whether to grant certiorari in this matter. To the extent Petitioner's letter may be interpreted as a request to relieve counsel at this time, that motion is denied.



FOR THE COURT C.J.

Columbia, South Carolina

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The Honorable William A. McKinnon

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