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S.C. SUPREME COURT

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
)
COUNTY OF LEXINGTON)

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

Timothy Ray Jones, #5289)
)
Applicant,)
v.)
)
State of South Carolina,)
)
Respondent.)
_____)

C/A 2024-CP-32-1312
(*CAPITAL PCR ACTION*)

SCHEDULING ORDER

The captioned matter is a capital post-conviction relief action. The undersigned was assigned exclusive jurisdiction over the litigation by Order of the Supreme Court of South Carolina dated March 27, 2024. After appointment of counsel,¹ and in consultation with the attorneys, this Court now issues the below schedule to be followed in this matter:

1. Applicant has up to and including **May 24, 2024**, to file a motion to request *ex parte* funding procedures be used in this matter. Respondent will have up to and including **June 7, 2024**, to file a response.
2. A status conference shall be held on **August 12, 2024**, to review the progress of the case.
3. Applicant shall have until **August 21, 2024**, to file a final amended application, and complete its discovery disclosures to Respondent.
4. Respondent shall complete its discovery disclosures to Applicant by **September 30, 2024**.

¹ Mr. Jones appeared at the initial hearing held on April 26, 2024, in the Sumter County Courthouse and advised the undersigned that he wished to be represented in this matter. This Court appointed Lindsey S. Vann, Esq., and Rosalind S.D. Major, Esq., of Justice 360 in Columbia, South Carolina, the attorneys who aided Mr. Jones in the filing of the initial application. The appointment of counsel will be confirmed by separate order.

5. Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 17-27-160 (C), and Supreme Court of South Carolina's March 27, 2024, order, the evidentiary hearing in this matter is scheduled to begin on Monday, **October 21, 2024**, in the Lexington County Courthouse. This Court notes that both the statute and the order provide for amendment of this initial scheduling order. The parties are encouraged to keep this Court advised of any matters which could affect the schedule set out above as such matters arise, or no later than the August 12, 2024, status conference.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

May 6, 2024.

Kristi Curtis
Kristi F. Curtis, Circuit Judge
Presiding by Special Assignment

Sumter, South Carolina.