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S.C. SUPREME COURT VERIFIED APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION PRO HAC VICE IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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Please type your answers in the space provided. Provide an answer for every question asked. In your own handwriting, sign in all spaces where a signature is required (no e-signatures). The accompanying certificate of good standing should not be older than 90 days at the time of the filing of this application.

The State 2007-054161 Supreme Court Abbeville County Court
Plaintiff Case No. Tribunal
vs. Steven Bixby Mailing Address of Tribunal:
Defendant

Comes now Gretchen L. Swift, applicant herein, and respectfully represents the following:

1. Applicant resides at: 1619 Long Avenue

Street Address Nashville Davidson TN 37206
City County State Zip Code
Telephone 704-688-6950

2. Applicant is an attorney and a member of the law firm of (or practices law under the name of) Fourth Circuit Capital Habeas Unit, Federal Public Defender's Office (WD NC), with offices at 129 West Trade Street, Suite 300

Street Address Charlotte Mecklenburg NC 28002
City County State Zip Code
Primary Telephone 704-374-0720 Cell Phone 704-688-6950 Fax Number 704-375-2287 Email Address gretchen_swift@fd.org

3. Applicant has been retained personally or as a member of the above-named law firm by to provide legal representation in connection with the above case now pending before the above-named tribunal of the State of South Carolina.

4. Since December of 1990, Applicant has been, and presently is, a member in good standing of the bar of the highest court of the District of Columbia or the State of Tennessee where Applicant regularly practices law. Attached is a certificate of good standing dated within the last 90 days from the bar of the highest court of the District of Columbia or the State where applicant regularly practices law. It is not necessary to provide a certificate of good standing from all courts before which you are admitted.

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5. List all courts before which Applicant has been admitted to practice law, including United States District Courts; United States Circuit Courts of Appeals; the Supreme Court of the United States; and state courts or the District of Columbia.

District of South Carolina (pro hac) 2021, 2022, 2023

Court:	Date Admitted:
Southern District of Texas	2016
Middle District of Tennessee	2001
Western District of Tennessee	2004
Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals	2001
Tennessee Supreme Court	1998
Western District of Kentucky	2005
United States Supreme Court	2007
Western District of North Carolina	2022
Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals	2022

Is Applicant presently a member in good standing of the bars of those courts listed above? List any court named in the preceding paragraph that applicant is no longer admitted to practice before.

yes

6. Is Applicant presently subject to any suspension or disbarment proceedings, or has Applicant been formally notified of any complaints pending before a disciplinary agency? If yes, give particulars, e.g., jurisdiction, court date.

no

7. Has Applicant had any application for admission *pro hac vice* in this or any other jurisdiction denied or any *pro hac vice* admission revoked? If yes give particulars, e.g., date, court, docket number, judge, circumstances; attach a copy of any order of denial or revocation.

no

8. Has Applicant had any certificate or privilege to appear and practice before any court or administrative body suspended or revoked? If yes, give particulars, e.g., date, court, administrative body, date of suspension and reinstatement.

no

9. Please be aware that local counsel must be Rule 403 certified. Local counsel of record associated

with Applicant in this case is Joshua Snow Kendrick of the Kendrick & Leonard, PC

law firm, which has offices at:

7 Mills Avenue

Street Address	Greenville	SC	29605
City	Greenville	State	Zip Code
(864) 760-4000			Josh@kendrickleonard.com
Primary Telephone	Cell Phone	Fax Number	Email Address

70453

South Carolina Bar Number
(You must provide Bar Number)

10. Has Applicant previously filed an application to appear *pro hac vice* in South Carolina cases? If yes, give case name and status of litigation, date of application, local counsel of record in each case, and state whether application is pending or was granted.

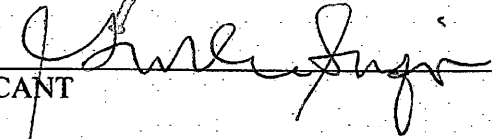
no

11. Does Applicant agree to comply with the applicable statutes, laws and rules of the State of South Carolina and familiarize him/herself with and comply with the South Carolina Rules of Professional Conduct? Does Applicant consent to the jurisdiction of the South Carolina courts and Commission on Lawyer Conduct.

yes

12. Applicant respectfully requests to be admitted to practice in the above-named tribunal for this case only.

DATED this 8th day of May, 2025


APPLICANT

VERIFICATION

STATE OF Tennessee)

COUNTY OF Davidson)

I, Gretchen Swift, do hereby swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that I am the applicant in the above-styled matter; that I have read the foregoing application and know the contents thereof; and that the contents are true of my own knowledge, except as to those matters stated on information and belief, and that as to those matters I believe them to be true. I understand that I am under a continuing duty to promptly update the information provided in the application until the tribunal has ruled on the motion for admission pro hac vice. Further, if the motion is granted, I understand that I am under a continuing duty to promptly update the information provided in the application as long as I continue to appear pro hac vice in the action or proceeding. Any updated information shall be provided to both the tribunal that granted the motion and to the tribunal in which the action or proceeding may then be pending.

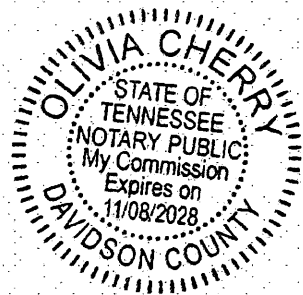
[Signature]
APPLICANT/AFFIANT

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8 day of May, 20 25

[Signature]
(Notary Signature)

Notary Public for the State of Tennessee

My Commission Expires: 11-08-2028



LOCAL COUNSEL CONSENT

I hereby consent, as local counsel of record, to the association of applicant in this cause pursuant to Rules Governing Admission Pro Hac Vice to the South Carolina Bar.

DATED this 8th day of MAY, 20 25

[Signature]
LOCAL COUNSEL OF RECORD

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have served a copy of this application upon the South Carolina Supreme Court by mail addressed to: South Carolina Supreme Court Office of Bar Admissions, PO Box 11330, Columbia, SC 29211, accompanied by payment of the \$250 filing fee payable to the South Carolina Supreme Court on this

9th day of MAY, 20 25

[Signature]

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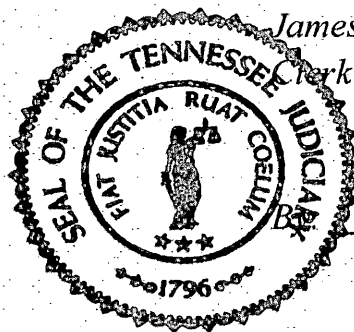
Supreme Court of Tennessee
Certificate of Good Standing

I, James M. Hivner, Clerk of the Supreme Court of the State of Tennessee, do hereby certify that

Gretchen Leigh Swift

is a licensed and practicing attorney of the Courts of this State, having been admitted to practice on October 27, 1998, and is presently in good standing. The Supreme Court is the Court of last resort in Tennessee.

In testimony whereof, I have set my hand and affixed the seal of the Court on this the 14th day of April, 2025.



James M. Hivner

Clerk of the Supreme Court of Tennessee

Donna Gilmore
Donna Gilmore, D.C.



The Supreme Court of South Carolina

Office of Bar Admissions

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May 15, 2025

The Honorable Shandal Boggs
Clerk of Court
P.O. Box 99
Abbeville, SC 29620

RE: The State v. Steven Bixby

Case No.: 2007-054161

Dear Ms. Boggs:

I certify that the Office of Bar Admissions has received the verified application requesting Gretchen L. Swift be admitted *pro hac vice* in the above action. The \$250 filing fee for the applicant has been paid.

Sincerely

M.J. Thames
Bar Admissions Coordinator

cc: Gretchen L. Swift
Joshua Snow Kendrick