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

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 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
704-688-6950
Telephone

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
704-374-0720 704-688-6950 704-375-2287 gretchen\_swift@fd.org
Primary Telephone Cell Phone Fax Number Email Address

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 1999, 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.

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

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 10th day of April, 2025

Gretchen Swift  
APPLICANT

## VERIFICATION

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_)

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_)

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.

*Gretchen Swift*  
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APPLICANT/AFFIANT

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Notary Signature)

Notary Public for the State of \_\_\_\_\_

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
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 \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_