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Honorable Daniel E. Sharouse  
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**RE: Marshall Ray Miller #249557, Petitioner, vs. State of South Carolina, Respondent  
Appellate C/A No. 20313-001076**

Dear Clerk Sharouse:

Even date herewith, I received a Motion to Substitute Counsel Pursuant to Rule 240, SCACR, wherein Petitioner, Marshall Ray Miller, seeks to have me relieved as counsel and new counsel appointed. Mr. Miller asserts that I have a conflict of interest, and based on the contents of his Motion would concur that I now have a conflict of interest.

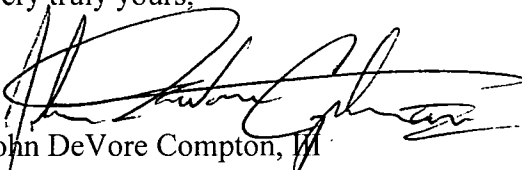
I have also been recently appointed by the Court to petition for a Writ of Certiorari on behalf of Mr. Miller, however, Mr. Miller's Petition to Substitute Counsel must have crossed in the mail.

Based on the foregoing, I am at a loss as to how to proceed. I would ask the Court to rule on Mr. Miller's Motion to Substitute Counsel prior to setting any Scheduling Order in this matter.

If anything further is required of me at this junction, please advise and I will immediately respond.

Thanking you in advance for your attention to this matter, I remain

Very truly yours,

  
John DeVore Compton, III

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