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The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse
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S.C. SUPREME COURT

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**Re: *Marshall Ray Miller #249557 v. State of South Carolina*
Appellate Case No. 2013-001076**

Gentlemen:

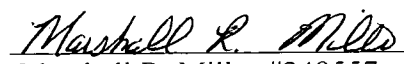
I am in receipt of a copy of Mr. Compton's February 18, 2014 correspondence to the Court requesting an extension of time in which to file the Writ of Certiorari in the above-referenced appeal.

As both of you gentlemen are aware, I objected to representation by the Office of Appellate Defense based on a conflict of interest with Robert Dudek, Esq., Chief. The Court in response appointed Mr. Compton.

On January 3, 2014, I filed a motion to substitute counsel [Mr. Compton] also based on a conflict of interest. That motion is still pending to my knowledge. I understand the Court's practice of appointing the representing post-conviction relief attorney as appellate counsel in such a case based upon familiarity. However, as outlined in my January 2nd motion, and as Mr. Compton articulated himself, there does exist a conflict of interest in the continued representation by Mr. Compton where issues regarding matters before the PCR court regarding counsel's representation is determinant in the available issues.

Based on the foregoing and in the interest of conflict-free representation where I enjoy a statutory right to counsel at this stage, I am requesting this Court appoint counsel not previously associated with this matter.

Respectfully Submitted,


Marshall R. Miller #249557
Appellant, *pro se*

February 24, 2014

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