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S.C. Supreme Court

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
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 COUNTY OF GREENVILLE )  
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 BRAD K. SIGMON, (SCDC#6008 )  
 PETITIONER )  
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 VS. )  
 )  
 STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, )  
 RESPONDENT )

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
 FOR THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
 Case No. 2014-CP-23-04632

ORDER:  
 APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL

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This matter comes before me as the designated Circuit Court Judge to which jurisdiction of this case for the appointment of counsel.

The Petitioner, Brad K. Sigmon, is a death-sentenced inmate. He was tried in the General Sessions Court of Greenville County, and his convictions and sentences were affirmed on appeal. *State v. Sigmon*, 366 S.C. 552, 623 S.E.2d 648 (2006). He filed an application for Post-Conviction Relief, which was denied, and such denial was affirmed on appeal. *Sigmon v. State*, 403 S.C. 120, 742 S.E.2d 394 (2013). Subsequently, he filed for a writ of habeas corpus in the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina, and that matter is pending. On August 21, 2014, he filed a second petition for PCR, seeking to exhaust certain claims in state court. On September 25, 2014, the S.C. Supreme Court issued an Order assigning jurisdiction of this second PCR to this Circuit Court Judge.

The Petitioner seeks to have two (2) attorneys appointed to represent him in this action, per S.C. Code Ann. §17-27-160.

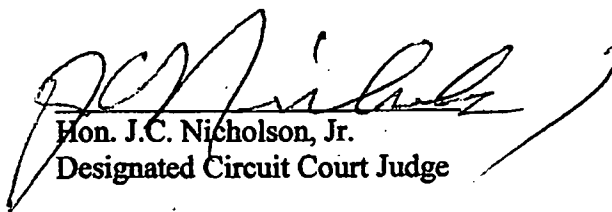
The Court finds that attorney Jeffrey P. Bloom is qualified under the statute as lead counsel, per S.C. Code Ann. §17-27-160, having represented several death-row petitioners in PCR cases, as well as handling numerous capital trials and appeals. This Court further finds that attorney Celia Robinson is an experienced appellate attorney and litigator, having several years

experience as a staff attorney with the S.C. Office of Appellate Defense, as well as years in private practice handling appeals.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that attorneys Jeffrey Bloom and M. Celia Robinson are appointed as counsel for the Petitioner Brad Sigmon in this case.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: 10/6/14, 2014  
Columbia, S.C.

  
Hon. J.C. Nicholson, Jr.  
Designated Circuit Court Judge