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JOHN J. MOORE,

PETITIONER,

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

RESPONDENT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2014-000786

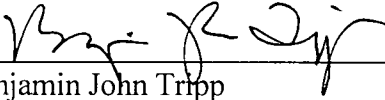
**APPOINTED COUNSEL'S RETURN
TO PETITIONER'S MOTION TO RELIEVE COUNSEL,
WITHDRAW PETITION, AND PROCEED PRO SE**

Benjamin John Tripp, Appointed Counsel for Petitioner, responds as follows to the contents of Petitioner's Motion.

1. As to the allegation that Appointed Counsel failed to argue issues based on a conflict of interest arising from loyalty to a former employer, Joseph Savitz, III: Appointed Counsel has solely represented and advocated for the best interests of Petitioner. Appointed Counsel has never met or worked for Joseph Savitz, III. Appointed Counsel argued all issues that he considered meritorious.
2. As to the motion to relieve counsel and proceed pro se: Appointed Counsel does not oppose the motion if Petitioner fully understands the dangers, disadvantages, and other consequences of

relieving counsel and proceeding pro se and therefore waives his right to counsel knowingly and voluntarily.

Respectfully submitted,



Benjamin John Tripp
Appellate Defender

ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER

This 30th day of January, 2015.

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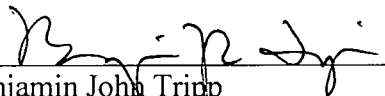
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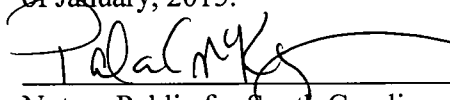
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a true copy of the Appointed Counsel's Return to Petitioner's Motion to Relieve Counsel, Withdraw Petition, and Proceed Pro Se in this case have been served on Megan Harrigan, Esquire, at Rembert Dennis Building, 1000 Assembly Street, Room 519, Columbia, SC 29201 and John J. Moore, #326455 at Broad River Correctional Institution, 4460 Broad River Road, Columbia, SC 29210 this 30th day of January, 2015.


Benjamin John Tripp
Appellate Defender

ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER

SWORN TO BEFORE ME this 30th day
of January, 2015.



Notary Public for South Carolina
My Commission Expires: July 24, 2022.