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SAMUEL LAMONT WHITNER,

PETITIONER,

V.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

RESPONDENT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2014-001951

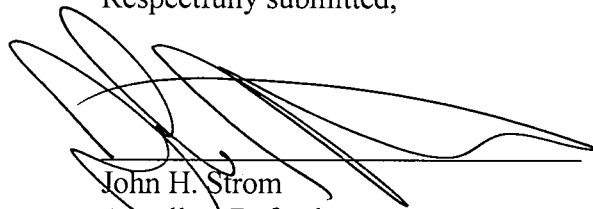
**APPOINTED COUNSEL'S RETURN
TO PETITIONER'S MOTION TO RELIEVE COUNSEL,
AND PROCEED PRO SE**

John H. Strom, Appointed Counsel for Petitioner, responds as follows to the contents of Petitioner's Motion "of Waiver of Representation".

1. After a review of Petitioner's motion and the relevant case records, Appointed Counsel has determined that Chief Appellate Defender Robert M. Dudek is not a subject of Petitioner's PCR Action.
2. Accordingly, Appointed Counsel does not see any conflict of interest that applies to the Office of Appellate Defense.

3. 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,



John H. Strom
Appellate Defender

ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER

This 23rd day of February, 2015.

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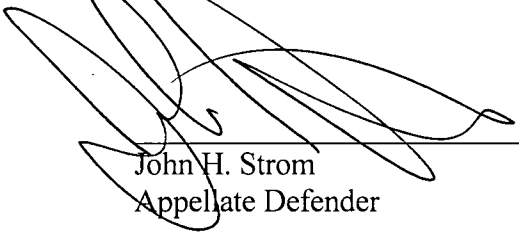
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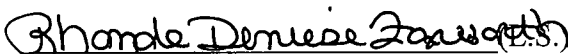
The undersigned attorney hereby certifies that a true copy of the Appointed Counsel's Return to Petitioner's Motion to Relieve Counsel, and Proceed Pro Se in the above referenced case has been served upon Karen Ratigan, Esquire, Office of the Attorney General, at Rembert Dennis Building, 1000 Assembly Street, Room 519, Columbia, SC 29201, and upon Samuel Lamont Whitner, # 263066, Broad River Correctional Institution, 4460 Broad River Road, Columbia, SC 29210, this 23rd day of February, 2015.



John H. Strom
Appellate Defender

ATTORNEY FOR APPELLANT

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me
this 23rd day of February, 2015.


Notary Public for South Carolina
My Commission Expires: October 17, 2021.