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Certiorari to Charleston County
Court of Common Pleas

The Honorable Stephanie P. McDonald, Circuit Court Judge

Appellate Case No. 2014-002030

Daniel E. Dickson, Petitioner,

v.

State of South Carolina, Respondent.

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


This matter comes before the Court pursuant to Petitioner's motion to Relieve Counsel and Proceed Pro Se. The State notes that Mr. Dickson is currently represented by Appellate Defender Lara M. Caudy, who is highly skilled and experienced. Furthermore, the State notes that Mr. Dickson's appellate counsel has already filed a Petition for Writ of Certiorari on Mr. Dickson's behalf in this case and has asked this Court for the opportunity to fully brief this case. Additionally, the State contends that Mr. Dickson has presented no legitimate reason why his counsel should be relieved, as his concerns seem to be disagreements with his appellate counsel over the meaning of "harmless error" and the length of time it took the PCR Court to rule on his case. Thus, Respondent would request that this Court deny Petitioner's Motion to Relieve Counsel and Proceed Pro Se.

Respectfully submitted,

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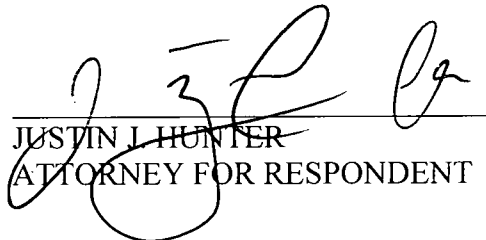
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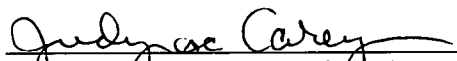
The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the **Return to Petitioner's Motion to Relieve Counsel and Proceed Pro Se** has been served upon the applicant by mailing two (2) copy in the United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed to Petitioner's counsel:

Lara M. Caudy, Esq.
SC Commission on Indigent Defense
PO Box 11589
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This 19th day of May, 2015.


JUSTIN I. HUNTER
ATTORNEY FOR RESPONDENT

SWORN to before me this 19th day of May, 2015.


Notary Public for South Carolina.
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Re: **Daniel E. Dickson v. The State of South Carolina**
Appellate Case No. 2014-002030

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

Enclosed for filing are the original and six (6) copies of the **Return to Petitioner's Motion to Relieve Counsel and Proceed Pro Se** in the above-referenced case. By copy of this letter we are serving opposing counsel today.

Sincerely,

Justin J. Hunter
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Enclosures

cc: Lara M. Caudy, Appellate Defense