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Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2015 3:05 PM
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Cc: Keesley, William P. Law Clerk (Anna Marsh); Melody Brown; Hopkins, Debbie; Al Simon; Brendan McDonald; Caroline Scrantom; Ed Salter; Anthony Mabry; Susannah; Melody Brown; Creighton Waters
Subject: RE: Ron Finklea v. State 2010-CP-32-5076 - Request for Status Conference to Set Hearing Date

Will do.

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Let's postpone the status conference until a later date and cancel any transport order. Thank you. [wpk]

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Judge Keesley , et al.–

I would agree that since the scheduling is the crux of the meeting that it be delayed until a later date, particularly knowing your additional preference to have the Applicant present at these matters. Upon your concurrence and confirmation, I will then cancel transportation for Mr. Finklea.

My current personal conflict dates are where I will likely be unavailable are October 5-9, 13, 16-19, and the morning of October 28. However, of course, someone else from the office may be available for the purpose of the status conference if necessary on those dates.

Sincerely,

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When we discussed scheduling this status conference, I indicated an assumption that the schedule for January through June, 2016 would be out by mid-September. As you know, the schedule has not been released. They may release it tomorrow, but I have no indication whether they will or will not. So, do you want to move this meeting to October? I do not want to waste anyone's time. Thank you. [wpk]

From: Diana Holt [<mailto:dianaholt@utexas.edu>]
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Dear Judge Keesley and all:

Mr. Finklea is suffering an on-going intestinal, among other things, medical condition which would make his being transported to the hearing quite difficult for him and, likely, the transport team. He consents to not being present for this brief status conference. Thank you.

All my best~ dh

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Assuming that I can get a court reporter, is it okay to have this hearing at 10:30 on Monday, September 21? If that day and time does not suit, please give me the days that would be better for your schedules. Thank you. [wpk]

From: Zelenka, Don

Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 3:21 PM

To: Teresa Norris; Keesley, William P.

Cc: Keesley, William P. Law Clerk (Anna Marsh); Melody Brown; Diana Holt; Hopkins, Debbie; Al Simon; Brendan McDonald; Caroline Scrantom; Zelenka, Don; Ed Salter; Anthony Mabry; Kaycie Timmons; Melody Brown; Creighton Waters

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Judge Keesley, et al. -

The Attorney General's Office will be available the week of September 21 for this conference to again set a hearing date. I am also attaching a copy of the August 25, 2014 status conference to refresh everyone's recollection about this matter.

By copy of this email I am advising the Clerk Office of the Supreme Court of this status pursuant to In Re Stays for their information.

Sincerely,

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Ms. Holt and I are available that week.

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Can we have the status conference during the chambers week of September 21, or do you need something sooner? I believe that the 2016 schedule will be out by then, and we probably will need to have that information. My new law clerk is Anna Marsh, and I ask that the attorneys communicate with her about the status conference. Thank you. [wpk]

From: Zelenka, Don
Sent: Tuesday, August 04, 2015 5:46 PM
To: Keesley, William P.
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Judge Keesley –

This is to request a status conference primarily to set an evidentiary hearing date for the pending PCR action. In February 2015, through a series of emails, one of Mr. Finklea's counsel, counsel Diana Holt, made a request to extend the hearing date which was earlier tentatively set for August 2015 for a period of ninety days. In a status letter to the Clerk of the Supreme Court on March 31, 2015, counsel Teresa Norris advised them that you had indicated the case would be set in possibly late 2015. We currently have a cases set terms December 28, 2015 and October 19, 2015. I am also having a potential hearings on two other matters during the week of October 5 with counsel Norris before Judge Burch.

By copy of this email, I am advising Mr. Finklea's counsel Holt and Norris of this communication.

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