

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
COUNTY OF CHARLESTON)

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
FOR THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Clark Thomas,)
)
Applicant)
v.)
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State of South Carolina,)
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Respondent)
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Case No. 2012-CP-10-8354

MOTION AND ORDER TO
RELIEVE COUNSEL

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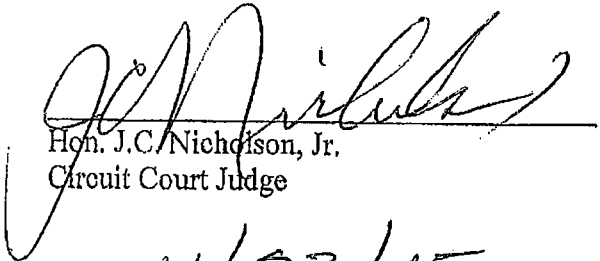
This matter comes before the Court on Motion of Counsel for Applicant. Counsel has requested to be relieved in the above captioned case. To support this motion Counsel will show the following:

1. Counsel was retained to represent Applicant for his post-conviction relief (PCR) action.
2. Counsel represented Applicant at for his PCR hearing before this Court.
3. The Court issued an order on May 13, 2015 dismissing Applicant's PCR action.
4. Counsel indicates that his office received the Order of Dismissal on May 21, 2015.
5. Based on the date of service, Counsel indicates that Applicant would have until June 1, 2015 to file a motion pursuant to Rule 59(e), SCRCF, and Applicant would have until June 22, 2015 to file a notice of appeal in the above captioned case.
6. Counsel has indicated that he has sent notification of these deadlines to Applicant.
7. Applicant has sent the Court a *pro-se* motion to relieve Mr. Shaffer as counsel in this case.
8. Counsel has also requested to be relieved based on Applicant's desire to discharge him as counsel. See Rule 1.16(a)(3), of Rule 407, SCACR.

9. Based on Applicant's apparent desire to discharge Mr. Shaffer, this Court finds that it is appropriate to grant Mr. Shaffer's request.

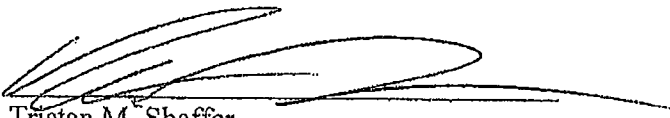
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Tristan Shaffer shall be relieved as counsel in the above referenced case and that Applicant shall be allowed to proceed *pro se* in the above captioned case.

IT IS SO ORDERED.


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

Date: 11/23/15

I SO MOVE:


Tristan M. Shaffer