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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE SUPREME COURT

Appeal from Sumter County

Honorable Brooks P. Goldsmith, Circuit Court Judge

GREGORY WRIGHT,

PETITIONER

V.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

RESPONDENT

APPELLATE CASE NO 2016-000815

**MOTION TO BE RELIEVED AS COUNSEL AND
MOTION TO APPOINT OUTSIDE COUNSEL**

Undersigned counsel respectfully moves this court to be relieved as counsel for Petitioner.

In support of this motion, Counsel states:

1. An issue has arisen with respect to my representation of Petitioner.
2. I have consulted, confidentially with an expert about this issue for the purposes of receiving legal advice.
3. Based on this legal advice, I have concluded that it is necessary to withdraw from representation and that outside counsel, as opposed to another appellate defender, be appointed to represent Petitioner.

4. If this Court requires additional information regarding this motion, undersigned counsel will move to submit any additional filings under seal.

Wherefore, undersigned moves to be relieved as counsel for Petitioner and for outside counsel to appointed. Undersign counsel further moves to hold Petitioner's appeal in abeyance during the pendency of this motion.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John H. Strom", is written over a horizontal line.

John H. Strom
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This 28th day of December, 2016

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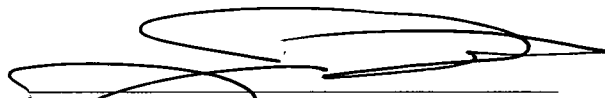
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

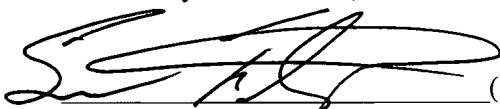
The undersigned attorney hereby certifies that a true copy of the Motion to be relieved as counsel and motion to appoint outside counsel in the above referenced case has been served upon Julie Coleman, Esquire, at Rembert Dennis Building, 1000 Assembly Street, Room 519, Columbia, SC 29201, this 28th day of December, 2016.



John H. Strom
Appellate Defender

ATTORNEY FOR APPELLANT

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me
this 28th day of December, 2016.



(L.S.)
Notary Public for South Carolina
My Commission Expires: October 30, 2022.