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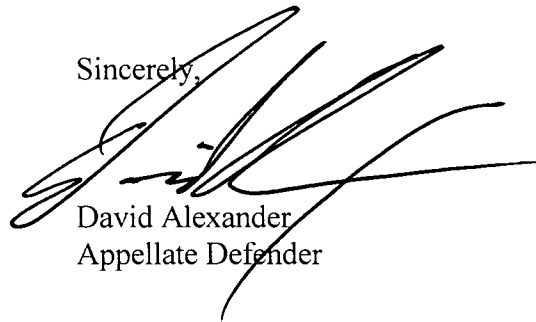
Re: The State v. Ricky Lee Blackwell, Appellate Case No. 2014-000610

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

Enclosed are eight (8) copies of the United States Supreme Court's recent decision in Taurus J. Carroll v. Alabama, No. 16-7685, 581 U.S. ___, (May 1, 2017). Pursuant to Rule 208(b)(7), SCACR, I am advising the Court that Carroll represents pertinent and significant authority for Issue 3—whether the trial court erred in finding that appellant is not intellectually disabled. In Carroll, the Court granted certiorari, vacated the judgment, and remanded the case to the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals “for further consideration in light of Moore v. Texas, 581 U.S. ___ (2017).”

If the Court has any further questions or requires any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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(ORDER LIST: 581 U.S.)

MONDAY, MAY 1, 2017

CERTIORARI -- SUMMARY DISPOSITION

16-7685 CARROLL, TAURUS J. V. ALABAMA

The motion of petitioner for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* and the petition for a writ of certiorari are granted. The judgment is vacated, and the case is remanded to the Court of Criminal Appeals of Alabama for further consideration in light of *Moore v. Texas*, 581 U. S. ____ (2017).

ORDERS IN PENDING CASES

16M122 SAID, ALBER I. V. COHEN, MARY ANN, ET AL.

The motion to direct the Clerk to file a petition for a writ of certiorari out of time is denied.

16-7564 KASTNER, JOSEPH R. V. CARDOZO, MICHAEL, ET AL.

The motion of petitioner for reconsideration of order denying leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* is denied.

CERTIORARI GRANTED

16-498 PATCHAK, DAVID V. ZINKE, SEC. OF INTERIOR, ET AL.

The motion of Federal Courts Scholars for leave to file a brief as *amici curiae* is granted. The petition for a writ of certiorari is granted limited to Question 1 presented by the petition.

16-784 MERIT MANAGEMENT GROUP V. FTI CONSULTING

The petition for a writ of certiorari is granted.

CERTIORARI DENIED

15-1486 TUNICA-BILOXI GAMING, ET AL. V. ZAUNBRECHER, ZACHARY, ET AL.