

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In the Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM RICHLAND COUNTY
Court of General Sessions

Robert E. Hood., Circuit Court Judge

Trial Court Case No.: 2014-GS-40-0752
2014-GS-40-0754
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Appellate Case No.: 2014-002771

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The State,Respondent

v.

Trenton Barnes, Appellant

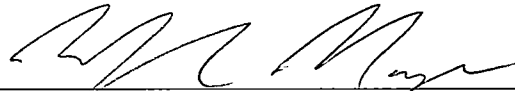
MOTION TO BE RELIEVED AS COUNSEL

Pursuant to Rule 407, SCRAP, W. Joseph Maye, Esquire, attorney for Appellant Trenton Barnes, hereby respectfully moves this Court to be relieved as counsel for Appellant. (Rule 1.6 of Rules of Professional Conduct). I have been offered an opportunity to work with the South Carolina Attorney General's office in their Capital and Collateral Litigation Division, and have accepted this offer of employment. However, continued representation of Mr. Barnes in this matter, even at this late stage of the appellate process, would constitute a conflict of interest. It is on this basis that I request to be relieved as counsel.

I initially accepted the representation of Mr. Barnes as part of the 2015 Appellate Practice Project, in coordination with the Commission for Indigent Defense. I have communicated with Mr. Robert Dudek, Chief Appellate Defender for the Commission of Indigent Defense, and he has graciously consented to this Motion and will integrate this case back into his office's responsibilities so that any further needs for the case may be properly handled. I have also been given consent to be relieved as counsel by opposing counsel Susannah Cole with the Attorney General's office. I of course will ensure that I no longer have access or input into Mr. Barnes' Appeal so as to avoid any ethical concerns going forward.

WHEREFORE, Attorney for Appellant respectfully requests this Court grant this Motion to be Relieved as Counsel.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned attorney hereby certifies that a true copy of the Motion to be Relieved as Counsel in the above-referenced case has been served upon the following individuals on this 2nd day of June, 2017:

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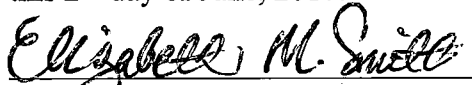


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SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me
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Notary Public for South Carolina

My Commission Expires: March 15, 2027

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Dear Deputy Clerk Allen:

Enclosed is an original and seven (7) copies of Motion to Be Relieved as Counsel in the above-referenced case. Please return a clocked copy to us in the postage prepaid envelope provided.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "E. M. Smith".

Elizabeth M. Smith

Legal Assistant to William J. Maye, Esquire

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