

The Honorable Daniel E Shearouse
Clerk, South Carolina Supreme Court
Post Office Box 11330
Columbia, SC 29211


Re: James E. Johnson Jr. vs. State of South Carolina
Appellate Case No. 2015-001062

Dear Mr Shearouse:

In response to both returns from the Attorney General's office as well as the Petitioner's counsel, the Petitioner wishes to clarify the argument in the relief of counsel motion. The Petitioner claims that the state is not bound by law (Federal or State) to provide counsel at this stage of the proceedings. The appointment of counsel is merely a courtesy by the state and is not a right. The Petitioner has never claimed a constitutional right to proceed pro se which it seems the Attorney General has stated in their return. The Petitioner is simply asking the court to relieve counsel because there seems to be a conflict between counsel and the Petitioner. The Petitioner has stated that he has full knowledge of the law in relation to the proceeding as well as competent understanding of the rules and procedures, which is required for the Petitioner to proceed pro se. To answer the allegations in the Petitioner's counsel return there seems to be a misunderstanding about what was said. I simply asked for updates once a week on the telephone about the letters I sent in reference to time sensitive issues. Counsel told me she had yet to even open or read the correspondence more than a month after she received them. I asked how ~~we~~ can we be on the same page about the case if she wouldn't even read two letters. As the conversation began to deteriorate she said she would no longer answer my questions on the phone and would not be accepting anymore phone calls from me. I then told her you will be getting a letter from me soon and immediately began to construct a motion to relieve counsel.

As the last and final extension for petition for writ comes to a close counsel hasn't to my knowledge completed even a rough draft of a petition with any of the issues I sent her or asked about. For the forementioned reasons I request a prompt relief of counsel and to be allowed to proceed pro se.

Sincerely,


James E. Johnson Jr 3536413

This day 25 of Nov 2015

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cc: Tiffany L. Butler, Esquire
Alicia A. Olive, Attorney General

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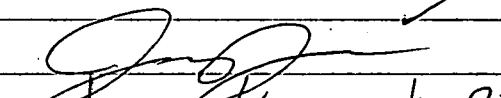
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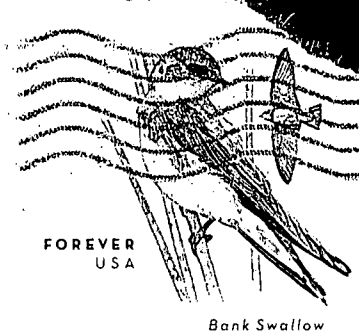
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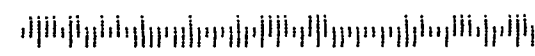
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