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APPEAL FROM CALHOUN COUNTY
Court of Common Pleas

S.C. SUPREME COURT

Doyet A. Early, III, Circuit Court Judge

Case No. 2017-CP-09-00004
Appellate Case No. 2017-002212

Mikal Mahdi, Petitioner,

v.

State of South Carolina, Respondent.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW AS COUNSEL

Movant John L. Warren III of Simmons Law Firm ("Counsel") respectfully moves for the withdrawal of his appearance as counsel for Petitioner in the above referenced matter. In support thereof, Counsel states the following:

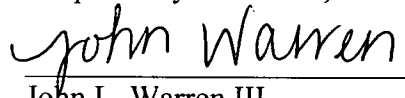
On November 27, 2017, Counsel was offered a job as a federal law clerk for the Hon. Donald C. Coggins of the United States District Court in Spartanburg, South Carolina. The clerkship begins on December 11, 2017. Due to the nature of Counsel's new position, he will no longer be able to engage in the private practice of law. *See* Canon 5(D), Rule 506, SCACR. Therefore, Counsel's withdrawal is permissible under the South Carolina Rules of Professional Conduct pursuant to, *inter alia*, Rule 1.16(b)(1) ("withdrawal can be accomplished without material adverse effect on the interests of the client") and/or Rule 1.16(b)(7) ("other good cause

for withdrawal exists"). Additionally, Petitioner will remain represented by his other counsel of record—E. Charles Grose, Jr.

WHEREFORE, John L. Warren III, of Simmons Law Firm, LLC, moves for an Order granting a withdrawal of his appearance as counsel for Petitioner and providing that he is relieved from any further responsibility associated with the representation of Petitioner in this case.

December 4, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Ashley Payne, certify that I have served a copy of the Motion to Withdraw as Counsel
by depositing the same in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, this 4th day of December,
2017, addressed to:

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