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RE: Zater v State, 2015-CP-32-02363
Eleventh Judicial Circuit
Judges Keesley & Cole

Dear Sir or Ma'am,

At the age of 21, for my first time in prison, I received a 37-year Federal prison sentence, and a concurrent 25-year State of South Carolina prison sentence. I have been serving both sentences in the Federal system, and I currently reside in the low-security institution in Miami Florida. I have now been in prison for almost 18 years.

Being that I reside in the Federal system, I do not have any access to State of South Carolina legal materials, statutes, rules, etc. Nevertheless, I filed a habeas motion pursuant to State Rule 5 (Rule 51?). I initiated these proceedings back in 2012, but it was recently denied on 26 February 2018. I followed Federal procedures and filed a Notice of Appeal immediately thereafter.

I wrote the South Carolina Court Administration inquiring what I needed to do to appeal the adverse ruling, since it is impossible for me to know what to do without access to State legal materials. After informing me that they are not allowed to dispense legal advice, they suggested that I write to you.

All I am looking for is someone to inform me of the proper procedures to appeal an adverse State habeas denial. If there is any assistance you could provide in this matter, I would be greatly appreciative. If now, please consider my indigency, and inform me of someone who might be able to educate me in this endeavor.

Thank you for your time and assistance.

Sincerely,

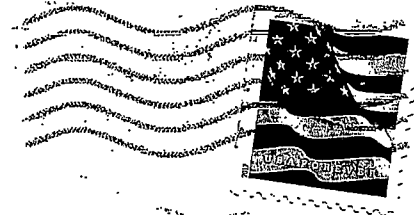
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