

The South Carolina Court of Appeals

Trey Williams, Respondent,

v.

State of South Carolina, Petitioner.

Appellate Case No. 2016-001553

ORDER

On September 26, 2018, this court denied several motions by Respondent to relieve his current counsel, Darren S. Haley, and proceed pro se. Respondent thereafter filed another motion alleging Haley informed Respondent he would no longer represent Respondent in this action. Following a request by this court for a response to the motion, Haley filed two motions to withdraw and asserted he and Respondent could not agree "on the best way to move forward in this matter." Respondent subsequently filed yet another motion to relieve counsel and proceed pro se.

In a November 10, 2016 order, our supreme court warned Respondent of the dangers and disadvantages of proceeding pro se; encouraged him to continue with the representation of his then-counsel, Nathan James Sheldon; and admonished him that the court would require full compliance with all applicable rules and procedures of appellate practice. After receiving assurances from Respondent that he was knowingly, voluntarily, and intelligently waiving his right to counsel, the supreme court granted Respondent's motion to relieve Sheldon.

After careful review of this action's procedural history and consideration of the pending motions, we grant the requests to relieve Haley as Respondent's counsel. We take this opportunity to remind Respondent that although he is now proceeding pro se, he is required to fully comply with all applicable rules and procedures of appellate practice. Respondent's request to re-associate the Division of Appellate Defense for the purpose of making, serving, and filing copies of his brief and any future motions is denied. However, we relax the copy requirements of Rules

240(d) and 243(j), SCACR. Respondent must still serve Petitioner as required by the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules, but he is permitted to submit only one copy of his filings to this court.


FOR THE COURT

Columbia, South Carolina

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The Honorable Alison Renee Lee

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