

The Supreme Court of South Carolina

Rufus Raiden, III, Petitioner,

v.

State of South Carolina, Respondent.

Appellate Case No. 2019-000700

Lower Court Case No. 2016CP3900512

ORDER

Petitioner's counsel moves to be relieved as counsel. He asserts he was only retained to represent petitioner before the circuit court. No return has been filed to this motion. The motion to be relieved is granted.

This Court strongly encourages petitioner to either retain counsel or, if he is indigent, to seek to have counsel appointed to represent him in this appellate case. Being represented by an attorney trained in the law would be extremely beneficial to petitioner.

Within fifteen (15) days of the date of this order, petitioner shall either

- (1) advise this Court of the name of the South Carolina lawyer that he has retained to represent him in this case; or,
- (2) complete and return the enclosed Affidavit of Indigency to this Court if he believes he is indigent and desires to be represented by appointed counsel in this case. The completed Affidavit of Indigency should be mailed to P.O. Box 11330, Columbia, SC 29211.

If petitioner fails to take one of the above actions, this Court may find that he has waived his right to be represented by counsel and could require him to represent himself in this case. If petitioner represents himself, this Court will require full compliance with all applicable rules and procedures, and failure to comply with such rules and procedures could result in the dismissal of the case and the

forfeiture of the right to discretionary review. This Court strongly encourages petitioner to either hire counsel or seek to have counsel appointed if he is indigent.



FOR THE COURT C.J.

Columbia, South Carolina
September 10, 2019

Enclosure (Affidavit of Indigency)

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