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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In the Supreme Court

APPEAL FROM MARION COUNTY
Court of Common Pleas
D. Craig Brown, Circuit Court Judge

Appellate Case No. 2019-000476
Lower Court Case No. 2010-CP-33-852

FRED HALCOMB, JR., #311091,

PETITIONER,

v.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

RESPONDENT.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW AS COUNSEL

THIS MATTER comes before the Court by way of an appeal from a Post-Conviction Relief Order. On December 16, 2019, undersigned counsel was offered, and he accepted, a position in the Appellate Division of the Federal Public Defender's Office. Undersigned counsel's employment will begin on February 3, 2020. Undersigned counsel cannot represent clients in a private capacity when he is employed with the Federal Public Defender's Office.

Undersigned counsel sent a letter to the Petitioner on December 23, 2019, notifying him of undersigned counsel's change in employment and to advise the Petitioner of his options moving forward with his appeal. Undersigned counsel subsequently had a phone conference with the

Petitioner on January 6, 2020, to further discuss these issues.¹ At that time, the Petitioner informed undersigned counsel that he intended to object to undersigned counsel's motion.² Undersigned counsel has provided the Petitioner with an affidavit of indigency in the event that the Petitioner wishes to seek appointed counsel.

Given all of the above, undersigned counsel respectfully requests that this Court permit him to withdraw as counsel in this appeal pursuant to Rule 264(b), SCACR. Undersigned counsel has consulted with opposing counsel regarding this request, and opposing counsel takes no position on the motion. Furthermore, undersigned counsel is serving a copy of this motion on the Petitioner as well as providing a copy of this motion to Appellate Defense.

Respectfully submitted,



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ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER.

This 5th day of January, 2020.

¹ Undersigned counsel was not able to meet with the Petitioner in person as the Petitioner is currently housed in Illinois.

² It is undersigned counsel's understanding that the Petitioner has already filed such an objection with this Court.

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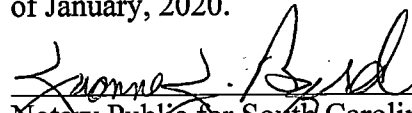
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that one copy of the Petitioner's Motion to Withdraw as Counsel in the above-entitled case has been served upon opposing counsel, David Spencer, Senior Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General, P.O. Box 11549, Columbia, SC 29211, by depositing in the U.S. mail with proper postage, this 15th day of January, 2020.



JEREMY A. THOMPSON
ATTORNEY FOR THE PETITIONER

SWORN TO BEFORE me this 15th day
of January, 2020.



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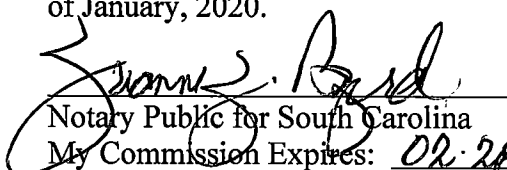
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The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse
Clerk, South Carolina Supreme Court
P.O. Box 11330
Columbia, SC 29211-1330

RE: Fred Halcomb, Jr., #311070 v. State of South Carolina; 2019-000476

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

Enclosed for filing please find the original and seven copies of my Motion to Withdraw as Counsel in the above-named matter. I would appreciate your filing the original and six copies of the motion, clocking the remaining copy, and returning the clocked copy to me. With my thanks for the Court's assistance in this matter, and my best regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

Jeremy A. Thompson
Attorney and Counselor at Law

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Enclosures

cc: David Spencer, Senior Assistant Attorney General (w/ enclosure)
Robert M. Dudek, Chief Appellate Defender (w/ enclosure)
Fred Halcomb, Jr., #311070 (w/ enclosure)
Michael Petrocine (w/ enclosure)