

# The South Carolina Court of Appeals

Adrian Keith Neal, Petitioner,

v.

State of South Carolina, Respondent.

Appellate Case No. 2019-000149

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## ORDER

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Petitioner's application for post-conviction relief was denied by Judge R. Ferrell Cothran, Jr. No notice of appeal was filed. Petitioner now seeks a writ of certiorari from an order issued by Judge Donald B. Hocker granting Petitioner a belated review of Judge Cothran's order pursuant to *Austin v. State*, 305 S.C. 453, 409 S.E.2d 395 (1991).

The panel voted to grant the petition for writ of certiorari from Judge Hocker's order, dispense with further briefing, and conduct an *Austin* review of Judge Cothran's order.

Petitioner's counsel asserts that the petition from Judge Cothran's order is without merit and requests permission to withdraw from further representation. Petitioner has filed a pro se petition.

Based on the vote of the panel, after careful consideration of the entire appendix as required by *Johnson v. State*, 294 S.C. 310, 364 S.E.2d 201 (1988), the petition for a writ of certiorari is denied and counsel's request to withdraw is granted.

FOR THE COURT

BY                     V. Claire Allen                      
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**FILED**  
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The Honorable Donald B. Hocker