

# The South Carolina Court of Appeals

George Albert Jones, Petitioner,

v.

State of South Carolina, Respondent.

Appellate Case No. 2018-001000

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## ORDER

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

Based on the vote of the panel, the court grants the petition for a writ of certiorari from Judge McKinnon's order, dispenses with further briefing, and proceeds with an *Austin* review of Judge McIntosh's order.

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

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 from Judge McIntosh's order is denied and counsel's request to withdraw is granted.

FOR THE COURT

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The Honorable William A. McKinnon