

The South Carolina Court of Appeals

Edward W. Stackhouse, Petitioner,

v.

State of South Carolina, Respondent.

Appellate Case No. 2018-002169

ORDER

Counsel has submitted a petition pursuant to *Johnson v. State*, 294 S.C. 310, 364 S.E.2d 210 (1988), and a motion to be relieved as counsel. We deny the motion to be relieved as counsel and direct the parties to address the following question and any other questions of arguable merit:

Did the PCR court err in finding trial counsel was not ineffective for failing to object to the solicitor's closing argument as improper vouching when the State referenced the credibility of two eyewitnesses?

Petitioner shall serve and file a petition on this question within thirty days of the date of this order. Thereafter, Respondent shall have thirty days to serve and file its return.

V. Claire Allen

FOR THE COURT

Columbia, South Carolina
June 22, 2021

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