

**15-6418 WELCH V. UNITED STATES**

DECISION BELOW: 14-15733 order

LOWER COURT CASE NUMBER: 14-15733

QUESTION PRESENTED:

I. Whether the District Court was in error when it denied relief on Petitioner's §2255 motion to vacate, which alleged that a prior Florida conviction for 'sudden snatching,' did not qualify for ACCA enhancement pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §924(e).

II. Whether *Johnson v. United States*, 135 S. Ct. 2551 (2015), announced a new substantive rule of constitutional law that applies retroactively to cases that are on collateral review. Furthermore, Petitioner ask this Court to resolve the Circuit split which has developed on the question of *Johnson* retroactivity in the Seventh and the Eleventh Circuit Courts of Appeals.

ORDER OF JANUARY 15, 2016:

HELGI C. WALKER, ESQ., OF WASHINGTON, D. C., IS INVITED TO BRIEF AND ARGUE THIS CASE, AS *AMICUS CURIAE*, IN SUPPORT OF THE JUDGMENT BELOW.

CERT. GRANTED 1/8/2016