*** CAPITAL CASE ***

No. _____

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

> TODD WESSINGER, Petitioner,

> > VERSUS

DARREL VANNOY, WARDEN, LOUISIANA STATE PENITENTIARY,

Respondent.

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS

Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 39, the Petitioner, TODD WESSINGER, by and through his court-appointed attorney, requests that the Court grant him leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*. In support of this Motion, the Petitioner avers that:

I.

Petitioner is unable to afford the cost of representation in this matter.

II.

Petitioner proceeded below in district court and on appeal with court-appointed counsel appointed pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3006A.

III.

Because of his continuing inability to afford counsel, and pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §3006A, undersigned counsel represents the Petitioner in his petition before this Court.

WHEREFORE, the petitioner, TODD WESSINGER, by and through undersigned counsel,

respectfully requests that he be allowed to proceed in forma pauperis without payment of filing fees

or service of notice fees, and for such other relief as the Court deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted this 17th day of November, 2017.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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