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IN THE
Supreme Court of the United States

CEDRIC ALLEN RICKS,
Petitioner,

V.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
Respondent,

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS*

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DEATH PENALTY CASE

Petitioner, Cedric Allen Ricks, pursuant to Rule 39 of this Court asks leave to file the accompanying Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals without prepayment of costs and to proceed in forma pauperis. In support of this motion, Petitioner sets for the following:

1. Petitioner is presently confined in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Institutional Division under a sentence of DEATH.

2. Petitioner was found to be indigent from the time of his arrest, through trial and all appellate proceedings by the trial court. At all times, Petitioner has been represented by appointed counsel.

3. Petitioner's indigent status is confirmed by the attached ORDERS and findings in the Court below including the ORDER appointing previous appellate counsel and replacement (and present) appellate counsel.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Petitioner prays that this Honorable Court enter an order permitting him to proceed *in forma pauperis*.

DATED: January 31, 2018

Respectfully submitted,

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CAUSE No. 1361004R

THE STATE OF TEXAS § IN THE 371ST DISTRICT
V § COURT OF
CEDRIC RICKS § TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS


ORDER APPOINTING COUNSEL FOR THE APPEAL

On this day, it being made known and appearing to the Court that the Defendant is without counsel of his own selection to represent him herein, and that he is financially unable to employ counsel, or give security therefor, to represent him herein and the Defendant having requested that an attorney be appointed to represent him in the above styled and numbered cause.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED, by the Court that **Mary Thornton**, a regularly licensed and practicing attorney is hereby authorized to proceed to perform the duties of the Attorney for the Defendant in this cause.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

SIGNED AND ENTERED on 19TH day of MAY, 2014.



**JUDGE MOLLEE WESTFALL
371ST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS**

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DISTRICT COURT OF

CEDRIC ALLEN RICKS

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TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS

Amended
FINDING ON APPOINTMENT OF ATTORNEY

The Court deviates from the public appointment system of rotation and appoints Wes Ball. The court finds that good cause exists for appointing the attorney.

_____ a language barrier exists between the defendant and the former attorney.
~~_____~~ ^{Court requirement} the ~~offense~~ charged has increased from the original ~~charge~~ ^{appeal} and the former attorney does not meet the qualifications for the ~~increased charge~~ ^{Supreme Court}.

_____ the defendant has filed notice of appeal and requests counsel other than his trial attorney.

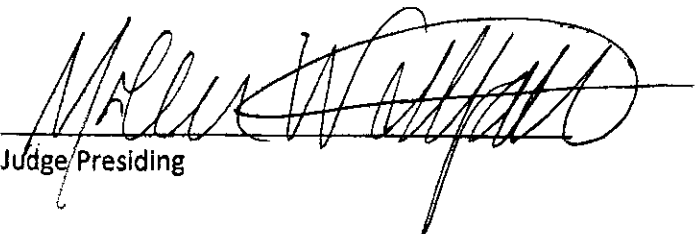
_____ a legal conflict exists between the defendant and his former attorney.

_____ Special knowledge of the law of post-conviction DNA testing is required.

_____ Exigent circumstances require the immediate appointment of an attorney who is present in court.

~~MW~~ The complexity of the case against the defendant requires counsel with more experience than currently possessed by former attorney. Defendant approves substitution of counsel.

SO ORDERED on this 16th day of November, 2017


Judge Presiding