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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER TERM, 2017

BRUCE DOUGLAS PACE,
Petitioner

vs.

STATE OF FLORIDA,
Respondent.

MOTION TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS*

CAPITAL CASE

Counsel for Petitioner BRUCE DOUGLAS PACE, asks leave of this Court to proceed *in forma pauperis* in this proceeding. Mr. Pace has been found indigent by each state court in which he has challenged this conviction and sentence and has been allowed to proceed *in forma pauperis* before this Court, the Florida Supreme Court, the Circuit Court of the First Judicial Circuit in and for Santa Rosa County, Florida, and the United States District Court for the Northern District of Florida.

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sentenced to death in Florida. Part IV, Chapter 27, Florida Statutes (1994), is the CCRC-South enabling statute. CCRC-South and its predecessor agency, the Office of the Capital Collateral Representative, has been counsel of record for Petitioner in his state and federal postconviction proceedings since October, 1993. Undersigned counsel is a member of the Bar of this Court, is an attorney employed by CCRC-South, and has been lead counsel for Petitioner since September 27, 2004.

WHEREFORE, Mr. Pace requests permission to proceed in this action *in forma pauperis.*

Respectfully submitted,

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