

**DOCKET NO. \_\_\_\_\_**  
**IN THE**  
**SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES**  
**OCTOBER TERM, 2017**

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**MARK ALLEN GERALDS,**  
Petitioner,  
vs.  
**STATE OF FLORIDA**  
Respondent.

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**MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS***

COMES NOW, the Petitioner, **MARK ALLEN GERALDS**, by and through undersigned counsel, and moves for leave of this Court to proceed *in forma pauperis* in this proceeding. Petitioner has been found indigent by each state and federal court in which he has challenged this conviction and sentence and has been permitted to proceed *in forma pauperis* before each of those courts: the Florida Supreme Court; the Circuit Court of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Bay County, Florida; and the United States District Court for the Northern District of Florida.

The state circuit court appointed undersigned as Registry Counsel for Mr. Gerald, pursuant to Florida Statute § 27.710. Undersigned is responsible for

representing Mr. Gerald in both his state and federal capital postconviction proceedings. Undersigned is a member of the Florida Bar.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner moves the Court for leave to proceed in this action *in forma pauperis*.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true copy of the foregoing motion has been furnished by United States Mail, first-class postage prepaid, to all counsel of record on May1, 2018.

/s/. Linda McDermott

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