

**IN THE
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES**

No. _____

Jose A. Garcia-Ortiz,
Petitioner
v.
United States of America,
Respondent.

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS*

TO THE HONORABLE COURT:

COMES NOW the Petitioner, represented by the undersigned counsel, and before this Honorable Court respectfully request to proceed *in forma pauperis*, pursuant to Rule 39.1 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of the United States. In support of this motion, the undersigned respectfully states the following:

1. The Petitioner was determined to be indigent in the course of criminal proceedings before the United States District Court for the District of Puerto Rico, and before the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, and has been represented since 2008 by CJA-appointed counsel.
2. The undersigned understands that this appointment exempts the Petitioner from the payment of fees or costs, and from the filing of an affidavit pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a).

WHEREFORE, it is respectfully requested that this Honorable Court grant the Petitioner's request to proceed *in forma pauperis*, and that this Court accept the attached Petition for a Writ of Certiorari.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, this 17th day of December, 2018.

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