

DOCKET NO. _____

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER TERM, 2018

WILLIAM LEE THOMPSON,
Petitioner

vs.

STATE OF FLORIDA,
Respondent.

MOTION TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS*

CAPITAL CASE

Counsel for Petitioner WILLIAM LEE THOMPSON, asks leave of this Court to proceed *in forma pauperis* in this proceeding. Mr. Thompson 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 Eleventh Judicial Circuit in and for Miami-Dade County, Florida, the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida, and the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit.

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both state and federal capital postconviction proceedings to people convicted and sentenced to death in Florida. Part IV, Chapter 27, Florida Statutes (1994), is the CCRC-South enabling statute. CCRC-South has been counsel of record for Petitioner in his state postconviction proceedings for over twenty-five years. 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 2015.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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