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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

KENNETH BLACKWELL, Petitioner,

vs.

STATE OF GEORGIA, Respondent.

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS*

COMES NOW the Petitioner, Mr. Kenneth Blackwell; and, pursuant to Sup. Ct. Rule 39.1, asks for leave to file the attached petition for a writ of certiorari without prepayment of costs and to proceed *in forma pauperis*.

- 1) In pre-trial and trial proceedings, Petitioner was represented by appointed counsel due to his indigent status. *See*, O.C.G.A. § 15-1-5; Uniform Superior Court Rule 29.2; Hawkins v. State, 222 Ga. App. 461 (1996).
- 2) The Gwinnett County Superior Court in Georgia appointed the undersigned to represent Petitioner on appeal. *See*, O.C.G.A. § 15-1-5; Uniform Superior Court Rule 29.2. A copy of the appointment order is attached as Exhibit 1.
- 3) Petitioner remains indigent and wishes to pursue a writ of certiorari from this Court to the Court of Appeals of Georgia, which affirmed his judgment of conviction on June 19, 2018 and denied his motion for reconsideration

on July 12, 2018. The Supreme Court denied his petition for writ of certiorari on April 1, 2019.

WHEREFORE, Mr. Blackwell asks this Court to grant his motion and allow him to proceed *in forma pauperis*.

Dated this 1st day of July, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Frances C. Kuo". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

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EXHIBIT 1

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APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL FOR INDIGENT PERSON
FOR PURPOSES OF APPEAL & POST TRIAL MATTERS

The person named above has satisfied the court that s/he is financially unable to employ an attorney and does not waive an attorney for the purposes of appellate review.

Henceforth, the attorney designated below shall represent the person and the appointment shall remain in effect through all courts in the circuit until the case is completed or another attorney is appointed by the Court or retained.

Said appointed counsel to replace former trial counsel, RANDALL KEA STROZIER, III, whose motion to withdraw is hereby granted.

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SO ORDERED this 9th day of August, 2016.


Warren Davis, Judge
Gwinnett Superior Court

cc:DA's Office, Appointed Attorney, former counsel, Defendant, AOC