

**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE EIGHTH CIRCUIT**

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No: 18-2241

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Walter Barton

Petitioner - Appellant

v.

Cindy Griffith

Respondent - Appellee

Chris Koster; Troy Steele

Respondents

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Appeal from U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri - Kansas City  
(4:14-cv-08001-GAF)

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**JUDGMENT**

Before LOKEN, GRUENDER and GRASZ, Circuit Judges.

This appeal comes before the court on appellant's application for a certificate of appealability. The court has carefully reviewed the original file of the district court, and the application for a certificate of appealability is denied. The appeal is dismissed.

December 21, 2018

Order Entered at the Direction of the Court:  
Clerk, U.S. Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit.

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/s/ Michael E. Gans