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In The  
Supreme Court of the United States

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JOE EDWARD JOHNSON,

*Petitioner,*

*v.*

STATE OF CALIFORNIA,

*Respondent.*

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ON PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI  
TO THE SUPREME COURT OF CALIFORNIA

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

**CAPITAL CASE**

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Petitioner Joe Edward Johnson, through his counsel, the State Public Defender, asks leave to file the accompanying petition for a writ of certiorari without prepayment of costs and to proceed *in forma pauperis*. Petitioner has been granted permission to so proceed on the appeal of his judgment of death to the California Supreme Court. On December 1, 2005 that court appointed the State Public Defender to represent petitioner in his automatic appeal.

A copy of the order of the California Supreme Court appointing the State Public Defender to petitioner's appeal is attached hereto.

Dated: July 10, 2020

Respectfully Submitted,  
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THE PEOPLE, Respondent,

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JOE EDWARD JOHNSON, Appellant.

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The order designating associate counsel Debi A. Ramos to serve as attorney of record pending further order of the court for appellant Joe Edward Johnson, filed July 28, 2004, is hereby vacated.

The State Public Defender is hereby appointed as lead counsel of record to represent appellant Joe Edward Johnson for the direct appeal in the above automatic appeal now pending in this court. Pending further order of the court, Ramos remains as associate appellate counsel and interim habeas corpus/executive clemency counsel of record.

Ramos is hereby directed to deliver to Assistant State Public Defender Donald J. Ayoob, in San Francisco, within 20 days from the filing of this order, her copy of the record on appeal in *People v. Joe Edward Johnson*, all appellate filings and work product, and all trial files, investigative reports and related materials that she has obtained from trial counsel, appellant's prior appointed counsel of record, and any paralegals, experts and investigators, or from any other source.

**GEORGE**

*Chief Justice*