

No. 20-\_\_\_\_

IN THE  
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

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CHRISTOPHER SPREITZ, Petitioner,

vs.

DAVID SHINN,  
Director, Arizona Department of Corrections,  
Rehabilitation & Reentry, Respondent.

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**On Petition for Writ of Certiorari to  
the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit**

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

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Pursuant to Rule 39, Rules of the Supreme Court, Petitioner Christopher Spreitz hereby moves for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* in the above-captioned cause. Spreitz has been incarcerated continuously since his arrest in May 1989. The United States District Court for the District of Arizona appointed CJA counsel for Spreitz under 21 U.S.C. § 848(q)(4)(B) for his capital federal habeas corpus proceedings pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254. Order of Appointment and General Procedures, *Spreitz v. Stewart*, No. CV-02-0221-TUC-CKJ, (D. Ariz. May 14, 2002), Doc 8.

On June 28, 2012, while the appeal of the denial of habeas corpus relief pended, CJA counsel moved in the Ninth Circuit to withdraw and to have the Federal Public Defender substituted on behalf of Spreitz. Motion for Substitution of Counsel, *Spreitz v. Ryan*, No. 09-99006 (9th Cir. June 28, 2012), ECF No. 38. The court granted that motion on July 3, 2012. Order, *Spreitz*, No. 09-99006 (9th Cir. July 3, 2012), ECF No. 39. On July 13, 2012, the court also granted the motion of CJA co-counsel to withdraw. Amended Order, *Spreitz*, No. 09-99005 (9th Cir. July 13, 2012), ECF No. 45. Undersigned counsel has represented Spreitz since entering his appearance after the FPD's appointment on July 3, 2012. Spreitz remains without funds with which to pay the costs of the present litigation.

Accordingly, Christopher Spreitz asks that he be permitted to proceed *in forma pauperis* in this Court.

Respectfully submitted:

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