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OCTOBER TERM 2020

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

ERIC KURT PATRICK,

Petitioner,

v.

STATE OF FLORIDA,

Respondent.

MOTION TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS*

CAPITAL CASE

COMES NOW THE PETITIONER, ERIC KURT PATRICK, by and through his undersigned counsel, and moves for leave of this Court to proceed *in forma pauperis* in this proceeding.

Petitioner has been found indigent by each court in which he has challenged this conviction and sentence and has been permitted to proceed *in forma pauperis* before this Court, the Florida Supreme Court and the Circuit Court of the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit in and for Broward County, Florida.

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in Florida charged with the statutory responsibility of providing legal representation in both state and federal capital postconviction proceedings to persons convicted and sentenced to death in Florida. Part IV, Chapter 27, Florida Statutes (1994), is the CCRC-South enabling statute. CCRC-South has been the counsel of record for Petitioner in his state postconviction proceedings since 2012, when his direct appeal was denied by the Florida Supreme Court. Undersigned counsel is a member of the Bar of this Court and is an attorney employed by CCRC-South.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner moves the Court for leave to proceed in this action *in forma pauperis*.

Respectfully submitted,

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