Capital Case

No. _____

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

RAYMOND EUGENE JOHNSON,

Petitioner,

v.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA,

Respondent.

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS

Petitioner, Raymond Eugene Johnson, is now being held by the Oklahoma Department of Corrections, currently incarcerated at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary where he is serving a sentence of death. Mr. Johnson requests leave to file the attached *Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the Court of Criminal Appeals of Oklahoma* without payment of costs and to proceed *in forma pauperis* pursuant Rule 39 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of the United States. Mr. Johnson is indigent and has been represented by appointed counsel throughout the proceedings against him. On January 8, 2013, the United States District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma, Case No. CIV-13-0016-CVE-FHM, appointed the Office of the Federal Public Defender for the Western District of Oklahoma to represent Mr. Johnson. 18 U.S.C. § 3006A. Thus, Petitioner is not required to submit a notarized affidavit or declaration in support of this motion. Supreme Court Rule 39.1.

Respectfully submitted,

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