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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

WILLIAM LEE THOMPSON,

Petitioner

vs.

STATE OF FLORIDA,

Respondent.

MOTION TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS*

CAPITAL CASE

Pursuant to Rule 39 of the Rules of this Court, Petitioner WILLIAM LEE THOMPSON respectfully moves this Court for leave to file his accompanying Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the Supreme Court of Florida without prepayment of fees and costs and to proceed *in forma pauperis*.

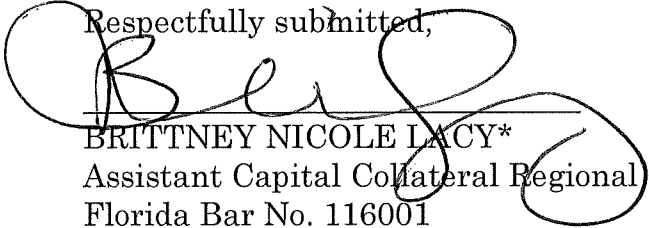
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record for petitioner in his state postconviction proceedings on his current sentence since 1993. The undersigned counsel is a member of the Bar of this Court and is an attorney employed by CCRC-South.

The Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, in and for Miami-Dade County, Florida, declared Mr. Thompson indigent and permitted to proceed *in forma pauperis* in his postconviction proceedings. Thompson has proceeded in this status in all subsequent filings challenging his conviction and sentence of death before the Eleventh Judicial Circuit Court, as well as the Florida Supreme Court, the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida, the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, and this Court.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner asks this Court to grant his motion and allow him to proceed *in forma pauperis* in this action.

Respectfully submitted,



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