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**IN THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT**

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**CHRISTOPHER ALAN MITCHELL,**

**Petitioner,**

**v.**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,**

**Respondent.**

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**MOTION TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS***

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## **MOTION TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS***

Now comes Erin P. Rust, counsel for the Petitioner, Christopher Alan Mitchell, and moves the Court for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*. In support thereof, the movant would show unto the Court that she and her office were appointed to represent Mr. Mitchell under the Criminal Justice Act, *see* 18 U.S.C. § 3006A(d)(6), in the district court.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and exact copy of the foregoing has been served upon the Solicitor General of the United States, Room 5616, Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Ave, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20530-0001, and to Luke A. McLaurin, Assistant United States Attorney, 800 Market Street, Suite 211, Knoxville, Tennessee, 37902, via United States Mail with sufficient postage to carry the same to its destination. Mr. Mitchell was also served via United States Mail.

This the 3rd day of November, 2022.

/s/ *Erin Rust*  
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