

No. \_\_\_\_\_

---

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

---

MOHAMED IBRAHIM AHMED,  
Petitioner

v.  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
Respondent

---

ON PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO THE UNITED STATE COURT  
OF APPEALS FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT

---

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

---

Denton B. Lessman  
Texas State Bar No: 24042474  
100 N. 6th Street, Ste. 702  
Waco, TX 76701  
Telephone: (254) 776-4544  
Fax: (254) 776-4551  
Email: Denny@LessmanLaw.com  
Attorney for the Petitioner,  
Mohamed Ibrahim Ahmed

TO THE HONORABLE CHIEF JUSTICE AND JUSTICES OF THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT:

COMES NOW, MOHAMED IBRAHIM AHMED, Petitioner, and requests leave to file the attached petition for writ of certiorari without prepayment of costs and to proceed in forma pauperis.

Undersigned counsel was appointed<sup>1</sup> to represent Petitioner in accordance with the Criminal Justice Act by the Honorable District Court for the Eastern District of Texas, Waco Division, and Petitioner has previously been granted permission to proceed in forma pauperis in the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Respectfully Submitted,

Law Office of Denton B. Lessman  
100 N. 6th Street, Ste. 702  
Waco, TX 76701  
Telephone: (254) 776-4544  
Fax: (254) 776-4551

/s/ Denton B. Lessman  
Email: [Denny@LessmanLaw.com](mailto:Denny@LessmanLaw.com)  
Attorney for the Petitioner,  
Mohamed Ibrahim Ahmed

---

<sup>1</sup> A copy of the order of appointment is appended.

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, the undersigned attorney, hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been served upon the following party(ies) via First Class Mail with Tracking on February 13, 2023:

Solicitor General of the United States  
Room 5616, Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W.  
Washington, DC 20530-001

United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Texas  
Appellate Division  
101 E. Park Blvd., Ste. 500  
Plano, Texas 75074

Mohamed Ibrahim Ahmed BOP #91506-054  
USP McCreary  
PO Box 3000  
Pine Knot, KY 42635

/s/ Denton B. Lessman  
Attorney for Mohamed Ibrahim Ahmed

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
BEAUMONT DIVISION**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**V.**

**MOHAMED IBRAHIM AHMED**

§  
§  
§  
§  
§

**CASE NO. 1:17-CR-151**

**ORDER**

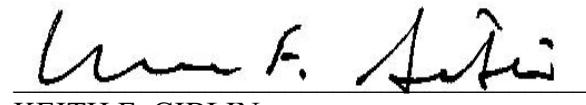
Pending before the Court for purposes of this order is attorney Kambira Jones Morgan's motion to withdraw as appellate counsel (doc. #235). This Court recently appointed Ms. Morgan, a member of the CJA panel for the Eastern District of Texas, to represent the defendant in his criminal appeal. Counsel now requests that she be allowed to withdraw at this time due to personal commitments, including the birth of her newborn daughter. The District Court referred the motion to the undersigned for determination pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b).

The Court finds good cause to support Ms. Morgan's withdrawal under the circumstances. The Court **ORDERS** that the motion to withdraw (doc. #235) is **GRANTED**. Attorney Kambira Jones Morgan is **TERMINATED** as appellate counsel of record for Mr. Ahmed.

The Court previously determined that Mr. Ahmed is entitled to the appointment of counsel for appellate purposes. The Court further **ORDERS** that Denton Lessman, another appellate member of the CJA panel of attorneys for the Eastern District of Texas, is appointed to represent Mohamed Ibrahim Ahmed on appeal. The Clerk's office is directed to prepare the requisite CJA form.

It is so ordered.

**SIGNED this the 28th day of January, 2021.**

  
KEITH F. GIBLIN  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE