

No. 24-

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IN THE  
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ladonta A. Tucker — PETITIONER  
(Your Name)

VS.  
United States of America — RESPONDENT(S)

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS*

The petitioner asks leave to file the attached petition for a writ of certiorari without prepayment of costs and to proceed *in forma pauperis*.

Please check the appropriate boxes:

☒ Petitioner has previously been granted leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* in the following court(s):

7th Circuit Court of Appeals

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☐ Petitioner has **not** previously been granted leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* in any other court.

☐ Petitioner's affidavit or declaration in support of this motion is attached hereto.

☒ Petitioner's affidavit or declaration is **not** attached because the court below appointed counsel in the current proceeding, and:

☐ The appointment was made under the following provision of law: \_\_\_\_\_, or

☒ a copy of the order of appointment is appended.

/s/ Elliot Louthen

(Signature)

# United States Court of Appeals

For the Seventh Circuit  
Chicago, Illinois 60604

July 6, 2023

*By the Court:*

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	] Appeals from the United
Plaintiff - Appellee,	] States District Court for
	] the Central District of Illinois.
Nos. 23-1781, 23-2201 and v.	]
23-2245	] No. 2:22-cr-20015-CSB-EIL
	] No. 2:16-cr-20017-CSB-EIL
ANYCCO M. RIVERS, and	]
LADONTA A. TUCKER,	] Colin S. Bruce,
Defendants - Appellants.	] Judge.

This matter comes before the court for its consideration of attorney Jon R. Meador's **MOTIONS TO WITHDRAW**, filed on June 26, 2023 in appeal nos. 23-2201 and 23-2245. Upon consideration thereof,

**IT IS ORDERED** that the Motions to Withdraw are **GRANTED**.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Thomas W. Patton, Chief Federal Defender, 401 Main Street, Peoria, IL, 61602, Thomas\_Patton@fd.org, is appointed to represent defendant-appellant Ladonta A. Tucker in appeal nos. 23-2201 and 23-2245. Counsel is directed to contact the defendant-appellant immediately.

Briefing in these consolidated appeals shall proceed as follows:

1. Defendants-appellants shall file their briefs and required short appendices on or before October 4, 2023.
2. Plaintiff-appellee shall file its consolidated brief on or before November 3, 2023.
3. Defendants-appellants shall file their reply briefs, if any, on or before November 24, 2023.

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Counsel for appellants are encouraged to avoid unnecessary duplication by filing a joint brief or a joint appendix or by adopting parts of a co-appellant's brief. Duplicative briefing will be stricken and may result in disciplinary sanctions against counsel. *See United States v. Torres*, 170 F.3d 749 (7<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1999); *United States v. Ashman*, 964 F.2d 596 (7<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1992).

Appellants, however, may not adopt the "Jurisdictional Statement" of another. Each appellant's brief must include a complete "Jurisdictional Statement". Appellee's brief must comply with Circuit Rule 28(b).

**IT IS FINALLY ORDERED** that the District Court shall add attorney Thomas W. Patton to their CM/ECF database for purposes of accessing District Court documents, including sealed docket entries not filed ex parte.

Important Scheduling Notice !

Hearing notices are mailed shortly before the date of oral argument. Please note that counsel's unavailability for oral argument must be submitted by letter, filed electronically with the Clerk's Office, no later than the filing of the appellant's brief in a criminal case and the filing of an appellee's brief in a civil case. *See* Cir. R. 34(b)(3). The court's calendar is located at <http://www.ca7.uscourts.gov/cal/argcalendar.pdf>. Once scheduled, oral argument is rescheduled only in extraordinary circumstances. *See* Cir. R. 34(b)(4), (e).