

DOCKET NO. _____
IN THE
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES
OCTOBER TERM, 2017

GEORGE MICHAEL HODGES,

Petitioner,

vs.

STATE OF FLORIDA

Respondent.

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS*

COMES NOW, the Petitioner, **GEORGE MICHAEL HODGES**, by and through undersigned counsel, and moves for leave of this Court to proceed *in forma pauperis* in this proceeding. Petitioner has been found indigent by each state and federal court in which he has challenged this conviction and sentence and has been permitted to proceed *in forma pauperis* before each of those courts: the Florida Supreme Court; the Circuit Court of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Hillsborough County, Florida; the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida; and the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals.

The state circuit court appointed undersigned as Registry Counsel for Mr. Hodges, pursuant to Florida Statute § 27.710. Undersigned is responsible for

representing Mr. Hodges in both his state and federal capital postconviction proceedings. Undersigned is a member of the Florida Bar.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner moves the Court for leave to proceed in this action *in forma pauperis*.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true copy of the foregoing motion has been furnished by United States Mail, first-class postage prepaid, to all counsel of record on April 20, 2018.

/s/. Linda McDermott

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