

No. 20-437

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IN THE  
**Supreme Court of the United States**

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UNITED STATES,

*Petitioner,*

v.

REFUGIO PALOMAR-SANTIAGO,

*Respondent.*

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On Petition for a Writ of Certiorari  
to the United States Court of Appeals  
for the Ninth Circuit

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**MOTION FOR APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL**

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Respondent Refugio Palomar-Santiago hereby moves, pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 39.7, to appoint Bradley N. Garcia of O'Melveny & Myers LLP as his counsel of record. In support of this motion, respondent supplies the following information:

1. This Court granted certiorari and respondent's motion to proceed *in forma pauperis* in this case on January 8, 2021.

2. Mr. Garcia is well qualified to undertake this representation. He is a partner at O'Melveny, and has been involved in numerous cases in this Court. Mr. Garcia also served as a law clerk at the Court, adding to his familiarity with the Court's processes.

3. Mr. Garcia and O'Melveny have the resources necessary to undertake the representation. O'Melveny's appellate department has extensive experience in cases before the Court. Jeffrey L. Fisher, who serves as special counsel at O'Melveny and as the Co-Director of Stanford Law School's Supreme Court Litigation Clinic, is also actively involved in the representation. O'Melveny will serve as co-counsel with the Federal Public Defender's Office for the District of Nevada, which represented respondent in the Ninth Circuit and during the certiorari stage in this Court.

4. Mr. Garcia has been a member in good standing of the Maryland Bar since 2011 and of the District of Columbia Bar since 2015. He is also a member of this Court's bar.

## CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, respondent respectfully requests that this Court appoint Mr. Bradley N. Garcia as his counsel of record in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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