### OCTOBER TERM, 2024

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES	
CASE NO	

ROBERT WHARTON, Petitioner, v.

SUPERINTENDANT, S.C.I. PHOENIX, Respondent.

## MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS

Petitioner Robert Wharton, through undersigned counsel, moves pursuant to U.S. Sup. Ct. R. 39.1 for leave to proceed in forma pauperis in his concurrently-filed Petition for Writ of Certiorari.

Petitioner, who is incarcerated in Pennsylvania under a sentence of death, is indigent—he has sought and been appointed counsel throughout the proceedings below in state and federal court. In the underlying federal habeas proceedings, his motion to proceed in forma pauperis was granted on December 7, 2001, by then Chief Judge Fames Giles of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

That order remains in effect. A copy of that order is attached to this motion.

# Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Stuart B. Lev

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Dated: November 18, 2024

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

ROBERT WHARTON

PETITIONER

CIVIL NO.

V.

DONALD T. VAUGHN

FILED

RESPONDENT

01-6049

DEC - 7 2001

MICHAEL FORUNA, Clerk

AND NOW, this day of December, 2001, it is hereby

ORDERED that Plaintiff's Motion to Proceed In Forma Pauperis in the above-captioned matter is GRANTED until further order of the court.

BY THE COURT:

copies by FAX on to

### UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE THIRD CIRCUIT

No. <u>13-9002</u>

Robert Wharton v. Donald Vaughn

District No. 2-01-cv-06049

### ORDER

It appearing that **Robert Wharton** having satisfied the Court that he is financially unable to obtain representation by counsel, it is

**ORDERED** that the Capital Habeas Unit for the Federal Public Defender of Eastern District of Pennsylvania is hereby appointed pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 3006A(a) to represent **Robert Wharton** in the above-captioned matter. This appointment will remain in effect until termination of this case or substitute counsel is appointed.

For the Court,

Marcia M. Waldron Marcia M. Waldron, Clerk

Dated: June 10, 2013

cc:

Victor Julio Abreu, Esq. Claudia Vanwyk, Est.