

OCTOBER TERM, 2024

No. _____

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

RICHARD ROLAND LAIRD,
Petitioner,

v.

**SECRETARY, PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS;
SUPERINTENDENT, S.C.I. SOMERSET,**
Respondents.

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

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS

Petitioner Richard Laird, through undersigned counsel, moves pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 39.1 for leave to proceed in forma pauperis on his concurrently filed Petition for Writ of Certiorari. Petitioner is indigent; he has sought and been appointed counsel throughout the proceedings below in state and federal court. The court below appointed undersigned counsel's office to represent Petitioner pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3006A(a). A copy of the Third Circuit's order is attached to this motion as Exhibit A.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: May 16, 2025

EXHIBIT A

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE THIRD CIRCUIT

No. 17-9000

Richard Laird v. Secretary PA Dept Corrections, et al

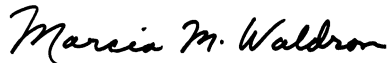
(District Court No. 2-11-cv-01916)

ORDER

It appearing that **Richard Roland Laird** having satisfied the Court that he is financially unable to obtain representation by counsel, it is

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

For the Court,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Marcia M. Waldron". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Marcia M. Waldron, Clerk

Date: 7/5/2017