### No. 24-872 CAPITAL CASE

#### IN THE

## Supreme Court of the United States

JOHN Q. HAMM, COMMISSIONER OF THE ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS,

PETITIONER,

v.

JOSEPH CLIFTON SMITH

ON WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE ELEVENTH CIRCUIT

# BRIEF OF AMICUS CURIAE PROFESSOR KATIE KRONICK SUPPORTING RESPONDENT

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District of Columbia

My commission expires April 30, 2029.