

Case No. _____

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

EDWARD JUNIOR GIBBS

Petitioner,

v.

THE STATE OF FLORIDA,

Respondent.

*On Petition for a Writ of Certiorari to the
District Court of Appeal of Florida, Third District*

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS

The Petitioner, Edward Junior Gibbs, by and through undersigned counsel, respectfully moves this Court for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* in the above-styled cause pursuant to Rule 39.1 of this Court. Mr. Gibbs is petitioning for a writ of certiorari to resolve the circuit split on the constitutionality of felon in possession of firearm laws. The Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida found Mr. Gibbs indigent. Accordingly, that court appointed the Office of the Public Defender to represent him

pursuant to Sections 27.51 and 27.52, Florida Statutes. *See* FLA. STAT. §§ 27.51, 27.52 (2025).

WHEREFORE, Petitioner moves this Court to allow him to proceed *in forma pauperis* and file and prosecute his petition for writ of certiorari without paying fees or costs.

Respectfully submitted,

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