

No.

IN THE
Supreme Court of the United States

JOHN BALENTINE,

Petitioner,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Respondent.

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS*

Petitioner asks leave to file the attached petition for a writ of certiorari without prepayment of costs and to proceed *in forma pauperis*.

Petitioner was represented by court-appointed counsel in the district court and granted leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* in the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals. A copy of the order of appointment is appended.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, J. Blake Hendrix, hereby certify that on June 1, 2026, I served an electronic version of the petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-captioned matter upon the following, and that pursuant to Rule 29.2, three copies of a paper version will be sent to the same individuals via United States mail, postage prepaid on June 2, 2026.

The names and addresses of those served are as follows:

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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS
NORTHERN DIVISION**

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PLAINTIFF

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CASE NO. 3:21-CR-00043-01 LPR

JOHN BALENTINE

DEFENDANT

ORDER

On September 28, 2022, United States Magistrate Judge Jerome T. Kearney entered an order appointing CJA Attorney J. Brooks Wiggins as attorney for defendant John Balentine. Mr. Balentine and Ms. Wiggins have both now filed a motion to withdraw and substitute appointed counsel for Mr. Balentine. For good cause shown, the Court will grant these motions.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Motion to Appoint New Counsel (Doc. 49) and Motion to be Relieved as Counsel (Doc. 59) are hereby **granted**, and J. Brooks Wiggins is hereby relieved from any further representation of the defendant, in this matter.

IT IS ALSO ORDERED that CJA Attorney J. Blake Hendrix is hereby appointed to represent Mr. Balentine in this matter.

DATED this 20th day of December 2023.


LEE P. RUDOFSKY
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE