

Serial: **190460**

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF MISSISSIPPI

No. 2013-DR-02147-SCT

CHARLES RAY CRAWFORD

Appellant

v.

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Appellee

EN BANC ORDER

_____ This matter comes before the *en banc* Court on the State's Motion to Disqualify the Office of Capital Post-Conviction Counsel in this Case Because of a Conflict of Interest. After review, the Court has determined that the motion is not well taken and should be denied.

It is therefore ORDERED, that the State's Motion to Disqualify the Office of Capital Post-Conviction Counsel in this Case Because of a Conflict of Interest is hereby denied.

SO ORDERED, this the 1st day of April, 2014.

/s/ Jess H. Dickinson

JESS H. DICKINSON, PRESIDING
JUSTICE

TO DENY: WALLER, C.J., DICKINSON, P.J., LAMAR, KITCHENS, KING AND COLEMAN, JJ.

RANDOLPH, P.J., OBJECTS TO THE ORDER WITH SEPARATE WRITTEN STATEMENT JOINED BY CHANDLER AND PIERCE, JJ.

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RANDOLPH, PRESIDING JUSTICE, OBJECTING TO THE ORDER WITH SEPARATE WRITTEN STATEMENT:

¶1. I decline to join today’s order, without passing on the merits of the State’s “Motion to Disqualify the Office of Capital Post-Conviction Counsel” and Crawford’s “Opposition to the State’s Motion to Disqualify the Office of Capital Post-Conviction Counsel.” I would pass this matter for consideration with Crawford’s “Motion for Leave to File Successive Petition for Post-Conviction Relief.”

¶2. Additionally, the Court has failed to address Crawford’s “Motion to Seal Documents.” I would deny that motion, as it fails to comport with Mississippi Rule of Appellate Procedure 48(a). The public should have access to the pleadings and exhibits which this Court will consider regarding Crawford’s new claims.

CHANDLER AND PIERCE, JJ., JOIN THIS STATEMENT.