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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS PINE BLUFF DIVISION

MARCUS LEWIS, ADC #111474

PETITIONER

v. No. 5:13-cv-354-DPM-HDY

RAY HOBBS, Director, ADC

RESPONDENT

ORDER

Opposed recommendation, $N_{\rm P}$ 14, adopted as supplemented. FED. R. CIV. P. 72(b)(3). Lewis's petition is dismissed with prejudice, not because his claims are procedurally defaulted, but because his petition is time-barred. *Martinez v. Ryan*, 132 S.Ct. 1309 (2012), and *Trevino v. Thaler*, 133 S.Ct. 1911 (2014), do not apply in this case. The alleged death of Lewis's counsel during the post-conviction proceedings was unfortunate. But there is no constitutional right to counsel at that stage. *Coleman v. Thompson*, 501 U.S. 722, 752 (1991). Considering all the circumstances, the Court sees no basis for equitable tolling. Motion to amend, $N_{\rm P}$ 15, denied as moot.

So Ordered.

D.P. Marshall Jr.

United States District Judge

27 March 2014