

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

IN RE:)
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GUANTANAMO BAY) Misc. No. 08-442 (TFH)
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DETAINEE LITIGATION)
) Civil Action No. 05-CV-1983 (RMU)
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DECLARATION OF WESLEY R. POWELL

Wesley R. Powell, declares as follows, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746:

1. I am a partner in the New York office of Hunton & Williams LLP and am admitted to practice in the States of New York and California and before a number of federal courts. I have practiced before this Court in connection with the Guantánamo *habeas* litigation since the fall of 2004, pursuant to this Court’s local rules concerning pro bono representation.

2. I submit this declaration in support of Petitioner Hasan Balgaid’s Motion to Dismiss Petition Without Prejudice.

3. The Center for Constitutional Rights, along with other cooperating counsel, began representing Mr. Balgaid in October 2005, pursuant to the authorization of his next friend, Omar Deghayes, who was then detained by the United States at Guantánamo Bay. Mr. Balgaid’s counsel filed a habeas corpus petition on behalf of Mr. Balgaid and another Guantánamo detainee, Mr. Ismael al Bakush, on October 6, 2005. Subsequently, my firm agreed to take over the representation of Mr. al Bakush. Following this Court’s issuance of an Order to Show Cause in Mr. Balgaid’s case on November 13, 2008, my firm entered an appearance on his behalf as well.

