

EXHIBIT

**Declaration of Mary Manning Petras in Support of
Motion to Withdraw as Counsel**

I, Mary Manning Petras, make the following statements to the best of my personal knowledge and belief:

1. I am an attorney with the Federal Public Defenders for Washington, D.C., 625 Indiana Avenue, N.W., Suite 550, Washington, D.C. 20004. I am licensed to practice law in the District of Columbia. I make this declaration in support of my motion to withdraw as counsel in *Al-Quhtani v. Bush*, No. 05-2387 (RMC) and *In re Guantanamo Bay Detainee Litigation*, Misc. No. 08-442 (TFH).
2. I am unable to obtain written consent from this client to my withdrawal as counsel because he is confined at Guantanamo Bay and I have not had an opportunity to meet with him.
3. Other attorneys at Morrison & Foerster LLP are primarily responsible for the representation of this client. This client does not know my name or that I have worked on his behalf.
4. Therefore, this client would not likely object to my withdrawal.
5. Other counsel at Morrison & Foerster LLP who are well-versed in the Guantanamo litigation are already representing this client and will continue to do so. The client's interest will be well-served.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. Executed on January 28, 2009.



MARY MANNING PETRAS