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6	UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT	
7	DISTRICT OF NEVADA	
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9	JIM BASS HOLDEN, Case No. 2:14-cv-00894-APG-PAL	
10	Petitioner, ORDER	
11	v. STATE OF NEVADA, et al.,	
12	Respondents.	
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14	This action is a petition for a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254.	
15	Before the court is petitioner Jim Bass Holden's counseled motion for leave to file	
16	a second-amended petition (ECF No. 32). Respondents opposed (ECF No. 35).	
17	On January 22, 2018, this court denied respondents' motion to dismiss certain	
18	grounds in Holden's first-amended petition and directed respondents to file an answer	
19	(ECF No. 31). On February 28, 2018, current CJA counsel for Holden filed a motion for	
20	leave to file a second-amended petition and filed the proposed second-amended	
21	petition a week later (ECF Nos. 32, 33). Counsel points out that she is the third lawyer	
22	appointed as counsel for Holden. The Federal Public Defender was unable to represent	
23	Holden due to a conflict (see ECF No. 9). Jeffrey Blanck was then appointed as CJA	
24	counsel. On October 29, 2014, Blanck filed a motion to stay this case pending the	
25	conclusion of Holden's state-court proceedings, which this court granted. He also filed,	
26	contemporaneously, an amended petition (ECF Nos. 14, 15, 17).	
27	On February 11, 2016, the court granted Blanck's motion to withdraw as counsel	
28	because Blanck had accepted a position with a public entity in another state and was	
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closing his practice in Nevada (ECF No. 19). Next, the court appointed CJA counsel Julian Gregory. *Id.* On March 20, 2017, the court granted Gregory's motion to withdraw as counsel in light of Gregory's diagnosis with a medical condition that precluded his effective representation of Holden (ECF No. 26). The court then appointed Gia A. McGillivray as counsel. *Id.* McGillivray moves to file a second-amended petition (ECF No. 32).

In light of the history of Holden's representation in this case, and mindful that he is serving a term of life without the possibility of parole, the court grants the motion for leave to file a second-amended petition. Respondents shall file a responsive pleading—including potentially a motion to dismiss—to the second amended petition (ECF No. 33).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that petitioner's motion for leave to file a second amended petition (ECF No. 32) is GRANTED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondents shall have thirty (30) days
following the date of entry of this order within which to answer, or otherwise respond to,
the second-amended petition (ECF No. 33).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that petitioner shall have **thirty (30) days** following service of the response to file and serve petitioner's response.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondents' motion for extension of time to file an answer to the first-amended petition (ECF No. 34) is **DENIED** as moot.

DATED: April 24, 2018.

ANDREW P. GORDON UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE