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Respondents shall raise all potential affirmative defenses in the initial responsive pleading, including lack of exhaustion and procedural default. Successive motions to dismiss will not be entertained. If respondents file and serve an answer, then they shall comply with Rule 5 of the Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases in the United States District Courts, and then petitioner shall have forty-five (45) days from the date on which the answer is served to file a reply. If respondents file a motion, then the briefing schedule of Local Rule LR 7-2 shall apply.

DATED: August 22, 2017.

RICHARD F. BOULWARE, I United States District Judge