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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
7 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
8 AT TACOMA

9 DONATO VALLE VEGA,

10 Petitioner,

11 v.

12 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

13 Respondent.

CASE NO. C15-5792RBL

ORDER DENYING MOTION FOR  
WITHDRAW COUNSEL FOR  
INEFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE

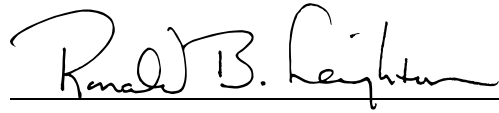
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15 Petitioner Donato Valle Vega seeks for the third time to fire his attorney for ineffective  
16 assistance of counsel. In his criminal case, Mr. Valle Vega fired two lawyers because of his  
17 dissatisfaction with their services. Mr. Valle Vega is a chronic complainer and persistent denier  
18 of reality.

19 This Court has closely monitored the extent to which Timothy Lohraff has gone to meet  
20 the demands of his client. Even when the Government assures the Court and the Petitioner that  
21 requested documents do not, and have not ever existed, Mr. Valle Vega blames Mr. Lohraff for  
22 the response. Mr. Lohraff has done a deep dive into the evidence and the arguments in a District  
23 Court Circuit criminal case involving Beltran Layva. Mr. Valle Vega argues that Beltran Layva  
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1 and the actions of the lawyers and investigators are material to Petitioner's § 2255 action. Mr.  
2 Lohraff will present his arguments based on the Layva action, and more, to the Court on March  
3 8, 2018 during a day-long evidentiary hearing. His work has thus far been exemplary and he  
4 should not be replaced.

5 The Petitioner's motion is **DENIED**.

6 Dated this 8<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2017.

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9 Ronald B. Leighton  
10 United States District Judge  
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