

**STATE OF LOUISIANA**  
**COURT OF APPEAL, FIRST CIRCUIT**

STATE OF LOUISIANA, THROUGH  
THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL  
SERVICES, OFFICE OF FAMILY  
SUPPORT, SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT  
SERVICES IN THE INTEREST OF  
K.H. AND K.M., JR., MINOR  
CHILDREN OF RENESHIA HEBERT

NO. 2016 CW 0318

VERSUS

KABREL MOORE

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In Re: East Baton Rouge Office of the Public Defender,  
applying for supervisory writs, Family Court, Parish  
of East Baton Rouge, No. 178986.

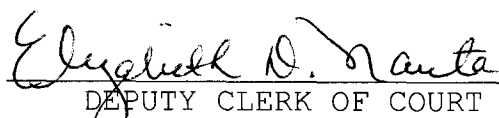
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**BEFORE: McDONALD, McCLENDON AND THERIOT, JJ.**

**WRIT GRANTED.** A review of the January 7, 2016 transcript of the contempt proceedings reveals that Relator, East Baton Rouge Public Defender's Office, was improperly denied relief as counsel of record for Defendant, Kabral Moore. A contempt proceeding where a petition is filed pursuant to La. R.S. 46:236.1 et seq. is civil in nature; therefore, the defendant is not entitled to a court-appointed attorney. See **State v. King**, 97-1249 (La. App. 3d Cir. 3/6/98), 707 So.2d 1374. Accordingly, we hereby grant the writ application and reverse the oral ruling of the trial court on January 7, 2016, which denied the motion for withdrawal of counsel of record of the East Baton Rouge Public Defender's Office. We hereby render judgment relieving the public defender of his duty in these proceedings.

**JMM**  
**PMc**  
**MRT**

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