

STATE OF LOUISIANA

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NO. 2018-K-1031

VERSUS

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COURT OF APPEAL

ERICA LANEHEART

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FOURTH CIRCUIT

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STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPLICATION FOR WRITS DIRECTED TO
CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT ORLEANS PARISH
NO. 503-735, SECTION "D"
Honorable Paul A Bonin, Judge

Judge Edwin A. Lombard

ON APPLICATION FOR REHEARING

(Court composed of Judge Edwin A. Lombard, Judge Regina Bartholomew-Woods, Judge Paula A. Brown)

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REHEARING GRANTED

MAY 8, 2019

ON REHEARING

On rehearing granted, we have reviewed the *pro se* relator's supplemental brief, as well as the transcript of the evidentiary hearing held August 20, 2018, on the relator's application for post-conviction relief. The relator's trial counsel explained at the hearing in detail his fruitless efforts to locate the alleged (still-undiscovered) eyewitness who would provide exculpatory testimony. Based upon this testimony, we do not find that the district court erred in concluding that the relator had not demonstrated that he received constitutionally ineffective assistance of counsel.¹ Accordingly, the relator's writ application is denied.

¹ The court stated in its ruling, "I was well-satisfied that Mr. Regan did not have actual knowledge of the existence or identity of any person who would have given exonerating testimony."