October 18, 2018

Jorge Navarette, Clerk California Supreme Court Automatic Appeals Unit 350 McAllister St. San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: People v. Jamelle Armstrong S126560

Dear Sir,

Please allow this to serve as the focus for my November 7, 2018 oral argument in Sacramento in the above matter.

My focus will be on Argument II, the *Batson/Wheeler issue*. It will be appellant's position that this is a "Stage 3" *Batson* case. Further, it is appellant's position that the prosecutor exercised all four challenges to the black, male black jurors (a recognizable group) in an unconstitutionally, racially motivated way.

I will spend the vast majority of my 45-minute allowed time on this issue, reserving 10 of these minutes for rebuttal. There is a chance that I will dedicate 5 minutes to Argument I, the *Witt* issue, arguing that the trial court made 8 improper excusals for cause of jurors who were not substantially impaired by their personal beliefs to vote for the death penalty.

I am filing this letter with you through Truefiling and serving both CAP and the Attorney General likewise.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

cc: G. Russell, Esq (electronic) Attorney General (electronic) Jamelle Armstrong (mailed)

Respectfully submitted,

Signed

Glen Niemy

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Signed

Glen Niemy

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