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Re: *People v. Richard Leon*, Case No. S056766
Oral Argument Focus Letter

To the Honorable Tani Cantil-Sakauye, Chief Justice of California, and to the Honorable Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the State of California:

I am counsel assigned to represent Mr. Leon in the above-referenced appeal, calendared for oral argument on April 7, 2015. I intend to focus my argument on appellant's claims that (1) the inadequate jury selection process in this case violated Mr. Leon's constitutional rights to a fair and impartial jury (see Appellant's Opening and Reply briefs, Argument I) and (2) the inadequate juror questionnaire and voir dire resulted in the improper exclusions for cause of prospective jurors in violation of appellant's right to a fair and impartial penalty phase jury (see Appellant's Opening and Reply briefs, Argument II).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary K. McComb".

Mary K. McComb
Supervising Deputy State Public Defender

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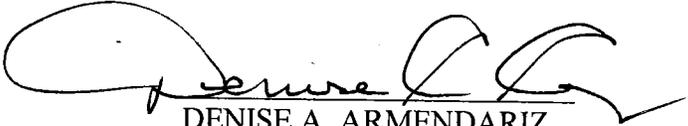
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