United States Court of Appeals

For the Seventh Circuit Chicago, Illinois 60604

Decided August 20, 2009

Before

MICHAEL S. KANNE, Judge

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No. 09-2197

ANGEL FIGUEROA,

Petitioner-Appellant,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Respondent-Appellee.

Appeal from the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division.

No. 07 C 6321

Wayne R. Andersen, *Judge*.

ORDER

Angel Figueroa has filed a notice of appeal from the denial of his motion under 28 U.S.C. § 2255, which we construe as an application for a certificate of appealability. This court has reviewed the final order of the district court and the record on appeal. We conclude that Figueroa has made a substantial showing of the denial of a constitutional right as to whether the district court adequately informed him of his right to counsel. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(2).

Accordingly, the request for a certificate of appealability is GRANTED. Briefing in this case shall proceed as follows:

- 1. The brief and required short appendix of the appellant are due by November 2, 2009.
- 2. The brief of the appellee is due by December 1, 2009.
- 3. The reply brief of the appellant, if any, is due by December 15, 2009.

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Should Figueroa request counsel for his appeal, he must also file a motion establishing his inability to pay counsel's fee.

Note:

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