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DECLARATION

I, Gary Taylor, hereby declare as follows:

1. I am an attorney, admitted to the practice of law before this Court. I am employed as an Assistant Federal Public Defender in the Capital Habeas Unit of the Law Offices of the Federal Public Defender. I represent the appellant, William P. Castillo, in this matter.

2. I was licensed as an attorney by the State of Texas in 1986. I am board certified in criminal law. I am employed as an Assistant Federal Defender and I am a supervisor in the Law Offices of the Federal Public Defender for the District of Nevada. Pursuant to SCR 49.11, I am admitted to limited practice before the Nevada state courts.

3. I represent Mr. Castillo and I am also assigned to more than ten death penalty cases. I assist other attorneys in the investigation and preparation of petitions for writs of habeas corpus for death penalty cases assigned to my office.

4. The opening brief in Mr. Castillo's case is currently due to be filed on October 6, 2010. A request for an extension of time of sixty-one (61) days is sought, up to and including December 6, 2010, in which to file Mr. Castillo's opening brief. This is Mr. Castillo's first request for an extension of time in which to file his opening brief.

5. My office was appointed to represent Larry Adams who was convicted of First Degree Murder and sentenced to Death in Clark County. Mr. Adams was convicted in 1986 and was represented by at least seven previous attorneys. He currently has proceedings pending in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and in the Eighth Judicial District Court. I have been investigating this case in an attempt to assist with the litigation in Mr. Adams' case.

6. On September 29, 2010 I filed a comprehensive Post-Hearing Brief in Rhyne v. McDaniel, CV-HC-08-0673, following an extended evidentiary hearing..

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7. Nisha Brooks, my co-counsel and Tomika Harris, my investigator, both have recently transferred to the Trial Unit in the Federal Public Defender's Office.

8. My paralegal has been ill and was recently hospitalized. She has not yet returned to work.

This request is made in order to provide Mr. Castillo with competent representation, NRPC 1.1, and not solely for the purpose of delay or for any other improper purpose.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed on October 1, 2010, in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Gary A. Taylor
Attorney for Appellant

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that this document was filed electronically with the Nevada Supreme Court on the 1st day of October, 2010. Electronic Service of the foregoing REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME WITHIN WHICH TO FILE APPELLANT’S OPENING BRIEF shall be made in accordance with the Master Service List as follows:

Steven S. Owens
Chief Deputy District Attorney

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