

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA**

**Administrative Order No. 2017-17**

**IN RE: PETITION SEEKING BELATED APPEAL**

*David Lee Mason, Jr. v. State of Florida*  
*Escambia Circuit Court Case No. 2014-CF-004474A*

**ORDER APPOINTING SPECIAL MASTER**

Pursuant to the February 14, 2017 Order of the First District Court of Appeal, the undersigned Chief Judge of the First Judicial Circuit hereby appoints the Honorable Edward P. Nickinson, III as special master to serve as a commissioner for the Court for purposes of issuing an order to show cause directed to the State Attorney, conducting an evidentiary hearing if warranted by the state's response, and issuing a written report and recommendation concerning petitioner's entitlement to a belated appeal. The Special Master's report and recommendation shall be issued no later than 90 days from February 14, 2017 and copies shall be served upon the Clerk of the First District Court of Appeal, the petitioner, the State Attorney and the Attorney General.

**DONE AND ORDERED** in Pensacola, Escambia County, Florida, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2017.

/S/ LINDA L. NOBLES

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**LINDA L. NOBLES**  
**CHIEF JUDGE**

Copies to:

Honorable Edward P. Nickinson, III, Circuit Judge  
Jon S. Wheeler, Clerk, First District Court of Appeal  
Honorable Pamela Jo Bondi, Attorney General  
Honorable William Eddins, State Attorney  
Honorable Pam Childers, Escambia County Clerk of Court  
David Lee Mason, Jr., Appellant