

# COURT OF APPEALS OF GEORGIA

## RETURN NOTICE

September 1, 2015

To: Mr. Roylee Smith, GDC1000661938, Valdosta State Prison, Post Office Box 310,  
Valdosta, Georgia 31603

Case Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Lower Court: \_\_\_\_\_ County Superior Court

Court of Appeals Case Number and Style: \_\_\_\_\_

Your document(s) is (are) being returned for the following reason(s).

- Again, there is no case pending in the Court of Appeals of Georgia under your name. If an attorney has been appointed for you and you are concerned with the representation provided by that attorney, you should address that issue to the trial court.**
- A Notice of Appeal is filed with the clerk of the trial court and not with the Court of Appeals of Georgia. See OCGA §5-6-37.** Once the trial court clerk has received and filed the Notice of Appeal, the trial court clerk will prepare a copy of the record and transcripts as designated by the Notice of Appeal and transmit them to this Court. Once the Notice of Appeal is docketed in the Court of Appeals of Georgia, a Docketing Notice with the Briefing Schedule and other important information is mailed to counsel for the parties or directly to the parties, if the parties are representing themselves. You do not need to provide this Court with a copy of the Notice of Appeal you filed with the superior court.
- The Notice of Appeal must include a proper Certificate of Service.** A Certificate of Service must show service to the opposing counsel and contain the counsel's full name and complete mailing address. The opposing counsel must actually be served with a copy of your filing.
- An Application for Writ of Habeas Corpus should be filed in the superior court of the county in which you claim you are illegally detained.** An appeal from a denial of an Application for Writ of Habeas Corpus is to the Supreme Court and not the Court of Appeals.
- An Application for Writ of Mandamus should be filed in the superior court of the county official whose conduct you intend to mandate.** An appeal from a denial of an Application for Writ of Mandamus is to the Supreme Court and not the Court of Appeals.
- Your appeal was disposed by opinion (order) on \_\_\_\_\_.** The Court of Appeals \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ The remittitur issued on \_\_\_\_\_  
divesting this Court of jurisdiction. The case decision is therefore final.
- Your mailing/documents indicate that you intended to file your papers in another court rather than the Court of Appeals of Georgia.** The address of the Clerk of the \_\_\_\_\_ is: \_\_\_\_\_
- If an attorney has been appointed for you and you are concerned with the representation provided by that attorney, you should address that issue to the trial court.** As long as you are represented by an attorney, you cannot file pleadings on your own behalf. Your attorney must file a Motion to Withdraw as Counsel and it must be granted, before you can file your own pleadings in this Court.
- A request for an out-of-time appeal should be made to the trial court from which you are appealing.** If your motion is denied by the trial court, you can file an appeal of that decision by filing a Notice of Appeal with the clerk of the superior court.



evaluation and screening, she coerced me and deceived me and took advantage of me to take a plea on accusation charges when I was never indicted before a grand jurors of felony charges nor did I waived any indictment rights knowingly or intelligently and she failed to communicate with me. See Ineffective Assistance of Counsel, a defendant's expression of satisfaction during guilty plea is irrelevant. *Harden v. Johnson*, 280 Ga. 464, 62 S.E.2d 259 (Ga. 2006). The Supreme Court reverses saying that whatever a defendant may say or not say during a plea is irrelevant because the issue is whether he can show that counsel had made errors and that there is a reasonable probability that, but for counsel's errors he would not have pleaded guilty and would have insisted on going to trial, *Hill v. Lockhart*, 474 U.S. 52 (1985); *United States v. Cronin* 466 U.S. 648 (1984); *Smith v. Williams*, 272 Ga. 778, (2004); *Grace*, 262 Ga. 485, (1992), as defendant there would have been no reasons for a jury trial because defendant was never indicted U.S. Fifth Amend Const, rights, only accused of accusation by the State (ADA) and counsel deceived me in to taken a plea arrangement and took 2,800 hundred dollars from me and she

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took advantage of me as a mental health patient plus I was not being administered my mental health medications, please recognize this complaint, I received a 7 years sentence under Accusation No. CR11-21-77-AB False imprisonment and criminal damage to property second degree, simple battery, on Oct 07, 2011 in Chatham County Eastern Judicial Circuit Savannah, Georgia, any defective errors in my case is the responsibility of my trial attorney to resolve because she was hired and retained and is liable to handle this as my lawyer of record in this matter and I am given this sworn written statement and affidavit as true under penalty of perjury. and ask this appellate court for equal protection of the laws and adequate meaningful due process, this ineffectiveness is being redressed here per State Bar of Georgia Ms. Wolanda Shelton Grievance Counsel letter dated 7-24-15 attachment

I declared under penalty of perjury that the above affidavit is accurate and true and correct to the best of my knowledge,

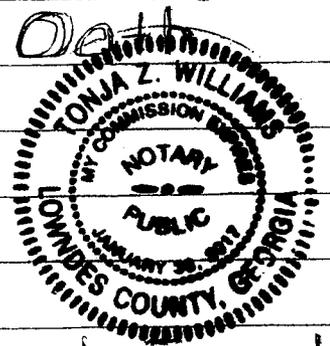
August 06, 2015

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
Affiant Signature name

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
NOTARY Public Administering Oath

January 30, 2017  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES



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STATE BAR OF GEORGIA  
OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL

Exhibit A

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July 24, 2015

CONFIDENTIAL  
Mr. Roy Lee Smith  
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Re: Grievance filed against Ms. Amanda Rene Roberts, Bar #196805

Dear Mr. Smith:

Thank you for submitting your grievance to the Office of the General Counsel of the State Bar of Georgia. We carefully reviewed the grievance you filed with our office against attorney Amanda Roberts.

You allege Ms. Roberts was ineffective in your criminal case because she failed to communicate with you and withheld evidence to coerce you into accepting a plea arrangement. Please be advised that the State Bar of Georgia does not have the power to review an attorney's effectiveness, nor does it have the authority to discipline attorneys for legal strategies they use, such as recommending a plea arrangement to a client; therefore, the grievance is dismissed.

Nevertheless, dismissal of the grievance by our office does not affect any other right you may have under Georgia law. If you continue to believe the attorney has been ineffective, there are other avenues open to you, such as addressing your concerns to the trial and/or appellate courts.

Thank you.

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wolanda Shelton".

Wolanda Shelton  
Grievance Counsel  
WS/lnc

cc: Amanda Roberts