

Buckie Allan MILLS v. STATE of Arkansas

CR. 02-67

68 S.W.3d 294

Supreme Court of Arkansas
Opinion delivered March 7, 2002

ATTORNEY & CLIENT — MOTION TO WITHDRAW AS ATTORNEY ON DIRECT APPEAL — GRANTED. — Where counsel was a full-time public defender and was provided a state-funded secretary, and where, pursuant to Act 1370 of 2001, he could not receive compensation for appellate work, the supreme court granted his motion to be relieved for good cause shown.

Renewed Motion to Withdraw as Attorney on Direct Appeal and Motion for Extension of Time; granted.

Ben Beland, for appellant.

No response.

PER CURIAM. Ben Beland, a state-salaried, full-time public defender for the Twelfth Judicial District, was appointed by the trial court to represent appellant Buckie Mills, an indigent defendant, in this rape and kidnapping case. Mills was convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment without parole. Mr. Beland timely filed a notice of appeal from the judgment of conviction and lodged the appellate record with the Supreme Court Clerk.

[1] Mr. Beland now asks this court to relieve him as appellant's counsel and to appoint new counsel. Mr. Beland is a full-time public defender and is provided a state-funded secretary and pursuant to Act 1370 of 2001 he can not receive compensation for appellate work. Accordingly, we grant Mr. Beland's motion to be relieved for good cause shown. Mr. Mark M. Henry will be substituted as appellant's attorney in this matter.

CORBIN, J., not participating.