

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA** :

**v.** : **Case No. 21-cr-537-JMC-3**

**PAUL RUSSELL JOHNSON, et al.,** :

**Defendants.** :

**MOTION TO WITHDRAW AS COUNSEL**

Undersigned counsel files this Motion to Withdraw as Counsel. In support of this Motion, undersigned counsel states the following:

1. On April 12, 2021, Defendant Paul Russell Johnson was charged by a Complaint with offenses related to the breach of the Capitol on January 6, 2021.
2. On April 28, 2021, Kobie Flowers entered his appearance for Mr. Johnson. Monica Basche subsequently entered her appearance for Mr. Johnson on May 27, 2021.
3. Both Mr. Flowers and Ms. Basche are attorneys at Brown, Goldstein & Levy LLP.
4. Mr. Flowers and Ms. Basche respectfully request the Court's leave to withdraw as counsel for Mr. Johnson for reasons that undersigned counsel cannot discuss because of counsel's on-going duty of loyalty to Mr. Johnson, the attorney-client privilege, and the work product doctrine.
5. Mr. Flowers and Ms. Basche respectfully request that the Court appoint counsel for Mr. Johnson under the Criminal Justice Act. *See* D.D.C. L. Cr. R. 57.22.
6. Trial is set for March 6, 2023 (Dkt. No. 155). Undersigned counsel will work with subsequent counsel to guarantee both a smooth transfer and a continued serious defense of this very important case.

WHEREFORE, undersigned counsel respectfully request that this Court grant this Motion and withdraw the appearance of undersigned counsel.

Dated: July 7, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I caused a copy of this pleading was served on all counsel of record via the Court's electronic filing service.

*/s/ Kobie Flowers*

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Kobie Flowers

Date: July 7, 2022