

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
(Filed Electronically)**

**CRIMINAL ACTION NO. 1:21-MJ-00396-ZMF
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,**

PLAINTIFF,

vs.

ERIC CLARK,

DEFENDANT.

**MOTION TO CONDUCT *EX PARTE* HEARING TO
DETERMINE STATUS OF COUNSEL**

Comes the Office of the Federal Defender, at the express direction of the defendant, Eric Clark, and moves the Court to conduct an *ex parte* hearing on the status of counsel, or in the alternative, remove the undersigned as counsel of record. In support, the defense notes:

Mr. Clark is currently before the Court on the above styled Complaint.

Mr. Clark recently contacted defense counsel and indicated his concern regarding the undersigned's representation of him, and requested that a hearing be held to address his request represent himself *pro se*, or in the alternative, that a different attorney be appointed to represent him.

WHEREFORE, the defense moves the Court to conduct an *ex parte* hearing regarding the status of counsel or to remove the Federal Defender Office as his counsel.

/s/ Aaron M. Dyke
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CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that on September 7, 2022, I electronically filed the foregoing with the clerk of the court by using the CM/ECF system, which will provide notice to the attorneys of record. I further certify that a true copy of the foregoing motion was served on the defendant by mailing same to Eric Clark, at his home residence.

/s/ Aaron M. Dyke