

IN THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF THE THIRD CIRCUIT

In the Matter of Transcription of Proceedings
Involving the Review of State Court Judgments
Imposing a Sentence of Death

ORDER

Present: The Members of the Third Circuit Judicial Council

It appearing that the Courts of the Third Circuit will be called upon to review state court judgments in which the death penalty has been imposed; and,

It further appearing that such cases present issues of substantial importance and grave concern to the citizenry and the condemned prisoner requiring expeditious and proper disposition on the merits; and,

It further appearing that the transcripts of proceedings before the district court may be critical to a disposition on the merits in that court as well as in the court of appeals,

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §332 d(1)(2), it is hereby ORDERED that the court reporter in any proceeding involving the review of a state court judgment imposing the death penalty give utmost priority to the transcription of any such proceeding, transmitting forthwith copies of the transcript to the parties and to the clerk of the court. The clerks of the respective district courts will cause to be delivered copies of this order to each district judge, magistrate, and court reporter.

For the Council,

Roger J. Alliant

Dated: October 1, 1985