

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
GENERAL ORDER 15-0024

**IN RE: Petitions for Retroactive Application of Johnson v. United States, 135 S. Ct. 2551  
(2015)**

Pursuant to the provisions of the Criminal Justice Act, Title 18, U.S.C. sec. 3006A(a)(1) and (c), and to facilitate the efficient judicial administration of justice,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Federal Defender Program for the Northern District of Illinois is appointed to represent any defendant who desires counsel who was previously determined to have been entitled to appointment of counsel, or who now qualifies for the appointment of counsel, to determine whether that defendant may qualify for federal habeas corpus relief under either 28 U.S.C. sec. 2255 or 28 U.S.C. sec. 2241 in light of the United States Supreme Court's decision in *Johnson v. United States*, 135 S. Ct. 2551 (2015), and to present any petitions, motions or applications relating thereto to the Court for disposition. In cases where a defendant was previously represented by counsel other than Federal Defender Program counsel, the Federal Defender Program will contact prior counsel to determine whether prior counsel wishes to represent the defendant in this new matter.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, upon request, the Probation Office shall disclose to the United States Attorney's Office and the Federal Defender Program any documents necessary for resolution of any motion or petition made or to be made pursuant to 28 U.S.C. secs. 2241 or 2255. Such documents may include 1) pre-sentence investigation reports; 2) judgment orders; and 3) statements of reasons. All other restrictions that normally apply to dissemination of any of these kinds of records remain in effect.

In addition, the Clerk of the Court shall notify the Federal Defender Program of all pending or future pro se motions and petitions seeking relief under Johnson, to enable the Federal Defender Program to assume those persons' representation in a timely fashion.

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FOR THE COURT

  
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Chief Judge

Dated at Chicago, Illinois this 1st day of October, 2015