

IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE SIXTH CIRCUIT

ROBERT GLEN COE
Petitioner-Appellant

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) No. 00-541P
) EXECUTION DATE:
) APRIL 19, 2000 at 1:00 a.m.
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RICKY BELL
Respondent-Appellee

MOTION FOR STAY OF EXECUTION

Contemporaneous with this motion, Robert Coe has filed his Petition for Rehearing and Suggestions for Rehearing En Banc establishing that the panel opinion in this case, the first case in this Circuit addressing a claim of competency to be executed, is at odds with United States Supreme Court decision in Ford v. Wainwright, 477 U.S. 399 (1986) and misapprehends and misapplies the Antiterrorism Act of 1996. The questions presented by this case are profound and difficult. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2253 and Fed R App.P. 3, this court must enter a stay of execution to permit sufficient time to address the merits of this claim and correct the errors made in the panel opinion. See Barefoot v. Estelle, 463 U.S. 880, 893-894, 103 S.Ct. 3383, 3394 (1983).