



MARCH 12, 2013

5TH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS

RE: UNITED STATES V. ROBERT ALLEN STANFORD
APPEAL 12-20411

TO: JUDGES OF THE 5TH CIRCUIT

My name is ROBERT ALLEN STANFORD, I am currently an inmate at Coleman 2 USP. I sent the 5TH CIRCUIT a previous letter dated March 4, 2013 regarding my appeal # 12-20411. This letter is a further update on this matter.

On July 5, 2012 JUDGE Hittner appointed Ms Lourdes Rodriguez as my lead appellate attorney. Ms Rodriguez mailed me a letter dated July 23, 2012 informing me of her appointment. I attached a copy of Ms RODRIGUEZ's letter to me with my March 4, 2013 letter to the 5TH CIRCUIT. In her letter Ms RODRIGUEZ promises to keep me informed as to all matters related to my appeal. I was shocked to learn from my oldest daughter on March 4, 2013 that my appeal is due to be filed with the 5TH CIRCUIT on March 18, 2013. Not only was I not aware of this deadline, but as of today, Ms RODRIGUEZ has still not communicated to me in writing, email or over the telephone the status of

my appeal. I have also been informed by my family that Ms RODRIGUEZ has admitted she has done absolutely NO WORK on my appeal. She stated she is presently too busy with other client commitments to WORK on my case.

JUDGE Hittner in a ORDER issued ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2009 specifically mentioned the "HIGHLY COMPLEX" nature of my case, and the "ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF DISCOVERY INVOLVED." I still do not have a clue if Ms RODRIGUEZ possesses the experience and skills to handle an appeal such as mine. My appeal will determine if I spend the rest of my life in prison, or finally get a fair and honest day in court.

I humbly come to the 5TH CIRCUIT and ~~ask~~ ^{DEMAND} that Ms LOURDES RODRIGUEZ be immediately removed as my attorney appointed by JUDGE Hittner. Due to the highly complex nature of my case I request that I be given the opportunity to meet with a qualified CJA appellate attorney before he or she is appointed. I would also humbly ask the 5TH CIRCUIT to make the appointment, or as an alternative a federal Judge other than JUDGE Hittner ~~appoint~~ appoint me a new lead appellate attorney. Last, I would now ask the 5TH CIRCUIT TO ORDER the

filing deadline of March 18, 2013 for my appeal
be struck from the 5TH CIRCUIT'S calendar, and
a new filing deadline be established once a
new appellate attorney has been appointed.

RESPECTFULLY YOURS,
R Allen Stanford
ROBERT ALLEN STANFORD