



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
District of Rhode Island

**NOTICE REGARDING THE ELECTRONIC PAYMENT OF FEES FOR
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A party who was permitted to proceed with court appointed counsel in the District Court may proceed on appeal *in forma pauperis* without further authorization, unless the District Court certifies that the appeal is not taken in good faith or finds that the party is not otherwise entitled to proceed *in forma pauperis*. See: Fed. R. App. P. 24(a)(3).

Counsel are reminded that an attorney who has represented a defendant in a criminal case in the District Court will be responsible for representing the defendant on appeal, whether or not the attorney has entered an appearance in the Court of Appeals, until the attorney is relieved of such duty by the Court of Appeals.

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