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Hon. Scott S. Harris, Clerk  
Supreme Court of the United States  
1 First Street, NE  
Washington DC 20543

RE: *William Jovian Davis v. Clark E. Ducart*  
No. 19-6429

Dear Mr. Harris:

In his petition for a writ of certiorari, petitioner William Davis asserted that his trial counsel has been disbarred. Pet. i. In the brief in opposition, the State noted that Davis provided no documentation supporting that assertion and that the California State Bar's public online database reflects only that trial counsel is now deceased. Opp. 11 n.4. Before filing the brief in opposition, we sought to contact petitioner's current counsel of record to confirm the assertion regarding trial counsel's disbarment. Due to an apparent technical malfunction, however, we did not receive a responsive email from petitioner's counsel by the date on which the brief in opposition was filed. We have now received documentation from petitioner's counsel indicating that trial counsel was, in fact, disbarred. Accordingly, footnote four in the State's brief in opposition should be disregarded. We apologize for any confusion or inconvenience this may cause.

Sincerely,

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