

The Supreme Court of the State of Louisiana

STATE OF LOUISIANA

No.2019-KH-01982

VS.

MELVIN BURTON

IN RE: Melvin Burton - Applicant Defendant; Applying For Supervisory Writ,
Parish of St. Tammany, 22nd Judicial District Court Number(s) 548813, Court of
Appeal, First Circuit, Number(s) 2019 KW 0863;

November 24, 2020

Writ application denied. See per curiam.

JLW

BJJ

JDH

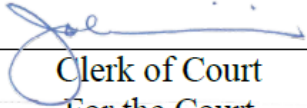
SJC

JTG

JBM

Crain, J., recused.

Supreme Court of Louisiana
November 24, 2020



Clerk of Court
For the Court

11/24/20

SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA

No. 19-KH-1982

STATE OF LOUISIANA

v.

MELVIN BURTON

**ON SUPERVISORY WRITS TO THE TWENTY-SECOND
JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY**

PER CURIAM:

Denied. Applicant fails to show that he was denied the effective assistance of counsel under the standard of *Strickland v. Washington*, 466 U.S. 668, 104 S.Ct. 2052, 80 L.Ed.2d 674 (1984).

Applicant has now fully litigated his application for post-conviction relief in state court. Similar to federal habeas relief, *see* 28 U.S.C. § 2244, Louisiana post-conviction procedure envisions the filing of a second or successive application only under the narrow circumstances provided in La.C.Cr.P. art. 930.4 and within the limitations period as set out in La.C.Cr.P. art. 930.8. Notably, the legislature in 2013 La. Acts 251 amended that article to make the procedural bars against successive filings mandatory. Applicant's claims have now been fully litigated in accord with La.C.Cr.P. art. 930.6, and this denial is final. Hereafter, unless he can show that one of the narrow exceptions authorizing the filing of a successive application applies, applicant has exhausted his right to state collateral review. The district court is ordered to record a minute entry consistent with this per curiam.