

Nevada Supreme Court Affirms New Trial For Death Row Inmate

Las Vegas, NV - Las Vegas law firm Conviction Solutions announced today that the Supreme Court of Nevada ruled in a 5-2 decision that death row inmate Ralph Jeremias, age 38, must receive a new trial. Pursuant to the now-final decision, the Supreme Court ordered that Jeremias' conviction and death sentence are overturned and that he must receive a new trial. The ruling resulted from trial counsel's failure to impeach the State's lead witness with statements the witness made suggesting he fabricated evidence of Jeremias' guilt. Jeremias had maintained his innocence throughout his 2014 trial.

Jeremias, a longtime Las Vegas resident, was accused along with two co-defendants of murdering two men in 2009. One of the co-defendants was acquitted at trial, while the other took a plea deal and is the witness counsel failed to impeach. A Las Vegas jury sentenced Jeremias to death in 2014. In post-conviction filings, Jeremias contended that crucial evidence against him at trial came exclusively from a co-defendant, but that co-defendant had previously admitted to another individual that he made up the evidence against Jeremias.

"Courts across the country have long held that the failure to impeach the State's star witness in a given case constitutes ineffective assistance of counsel," said Jeremias' Las Vegas attorney, Jamie Resch. "Mr. Jeremias appreciates the Court's recognition of this error, which the trial court also recognized, and looks forward to a fair, constitutionally-compliant trial."

About Conviction Solutions

Resch Law, PLLC d/b/a Conviction Solutions is a Las Vegas law firm which handles criminal appeal and post-conviction cases. This is the third death sentence the firm has overturned in the last few years. In 2018, the firm helped inmate Frederick Mendoza reach a deal with prosecutors to reduce his death sentence to life in prison without parole. In 2019, the firm obtained a new trial for John Watson, although that finding was later overturned and the case remains ongoing. For more information please visit the firm's website at: www.convictionsolutions.com.