

**SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA**

**No. 16-KH-2026**

**STATE OF LOUISIANA**

**v.**

**CLEON LOTTS**

**ON SUPERVISORY WRITS TO THE TWENTY-SECOND JUDICIAL  
DISTRICT COURT, PARISH OF WASHINGTON**

**PER CURIAM:**

Denied. Relator fails to show he received ineffective assistance of counsel under the standard of *Strickland v. Washington*, 466 U.S. 668, 104 S.Ct. 2052, 80 L.Ed.2d 674 (1984). Relator waived his right to review of the remaining claims by his unqualified guilty pleas. *See State v. McKinney*, 406 So.2d 160, 161 (La. 1981).

Relator 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. Relator has filed an application for post-conviction relief in the district court, and the district court's ruling denying relief is now final. Hereafter, unless he can show that one of the narrow exceptions authorizing the filing of a successive application applies, relator has exhausted his right to state collateral review. The district court is ordered to record a minute entry consistent with this per curiam.