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SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA

NO. 2015-CC-1231

STATE OF LOUISIANA

VERSUS

ROBERT J. BARTHELEMY

**ON WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO THE COURT OF APPEAL,
THIRD CIRCUIT, PARISH OF SABINE**

CRICHTON, J., additionally concurs and assigns reasons:

I concur in the majority decision to reverse the court of appeal and order the trial to proceed as scheduled. I write separately to underscore the critical fact that both this incarcerated and indigent capital defendant and the family members of the victim are entitled to a speedy trial in this important case. In my view, the La. Public Defender Board should comply with its nondiscretionary statutory duty as prescribed by La. R.S. 15:141 *et seq.*, the Louisiana Public Defender Act.

To rule otherwise allows the 19th JDC dispute between the Louisiana Public Defender Board and CAPOLA to impermissibly infringe upon the constitutional power of the court to control its docket, as directed by La. Constitution art. V, § 2, and contravenes our paramount obligation to effectuate the efficient and orderly administration of criminal justice.