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December 15, 2017

**BY ECF, HAND, AND FAX 212.805.7986**

The Honorable Paul G. Gardephe  
United States District Judge  
Southern District of New York  
40 Foley Square  
New York, NY 10007

**RE: *United States v. Irfan Amanat*, 15 Cr. 536 (PGG)**

Dear Judge Gardephe:

As Your Honor knows, I am appointed pursuant to the Criminal Justice Act to represent Irfan Amanat. I write respectfully to request (i) the immediate appointment of *Curcio* counsel for Mr. Amanat, and (ii) approval of withdrawal from this representation by myself and my colleagues on this case, Benjamin Silverman, Esq., and Julie de Almeida, Esq.

Two days ago, on Wednesday, December 13, 2017 I began consulting about this representation with an ethics attorney, Ronald Minkoff, Esq., the head of the Professional Responsibility Group at Frankfurt Kurnit Klein & Selz PC. Based on new information my team learned at approximately 12:30 p.m. today, and after conferring with ethics counsel, we believe that we must move to withdraw from this representation under RPC 1.16(b). If the Court requires further explanation, I respectfully request that I be permitted to appear *ex parte* before the Part 1 Judge, or another appropriate judge, as soon as possible after *Curcio* counsel has been appointed in light of the highly confidential nature of the new information and so as not to prejudice any of the proceedings related to this matter pending before Your Honor.

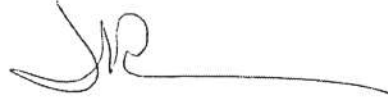
This afternoon I spoke with Irfan Amanat by telephone and advised him that I would be making this application. He requests to be present at any proceeding where this application is considered. I will provide a copy of this letter to him by email and by FedEx to his home address.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JRS', followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Jill R. Shellow

cc: Irfan Amanat (by email and FedEx)  
All Counsel of Record (by ECF)