**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA**
**MIDDLE DISTRICT**

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| COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA,<br><br>Respondent<br><br>v.<br><br>PAUL LITTLE,<br><br>Petitioner | : | No. 71 MAL 2025<br>:<br>:<br>Petition for Allowance of Appeal from the **Unpublished Memorandum and Order** of the Superior Court at No. 2634 EDA 2023 entered on January 8, 2025, **affirming** the PCRA Order of the Lehigh County Court of Common Pleas at No. CP-39-CR-0000735-2018 entered on September 11, 2023 |

**ORDER**

**PER CURIAM** **DECIDED: November 3, 2026**

AND NOW, this 3rd day of November, 2026, the Petition for Allowance of Appeal is **GRANTED**, **LIMITED TO** the following issue:

> Should this Court grant allocatur and remand for a new trial or remand to relitigate claims waived by initial PCRA counsel in the Superior Court during litigation of [Petitioner's] PCRA appeal to ensure the "rule-based" right to effective assistance of PCRA counsel?

The Order of the Superior Court is **VACATED**, and the matter is **REMANDED** to the Court of Common Pleas of Lehigh County for consideration of the identified issue in light of *Commonwealth v. Bradley*, 261 A.3d 381, 401 (Pa. 2021) (holding that "a PCRA petitioner may, after a PCRA court denies relief, and after obtaining new counsel or acting *pro se*, raise claims of PCRA counsel's ineffectiveness at the first opportunity to do so, even if on appeal"); *id.* at 402 (holding that, "where there are material facts at issue

concerning claims challenging counsel's stewardship and relief is not plainly unavailable as a matter of law, the remand should be afforded").

Allocatur is **DENIED** as to all remaining issues.

Jurisdiction is **RELINQUISHED**.