

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

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA,	:	No. 457 EAL 2017
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Petitioner	:	
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v.	:	Petition for Allowance of Appeal from
	:	the Order of the Superior Court
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JEROME KING,	:	
	:	
Respondent	:	

ORDER

PER CURIAM

AND NOW, this 30th day of April, 2018, the Petition for Allowance of Appeal is **GRANTED**. The issue, as phrased by the Commonwealth, is:

Did the Superior Court commit a significant and potentially far-reaching error of law when, in contravention of Pennsylvania law and the greater weight of authority nationally, it issued a published decision holding that PCRA courts may bar the Commonwealth from speaking with [a defendant's] trial counsel prior to evidentiary hearings on defense claims that counsel provided ineffective assistance?

Justice Wecht did not participate in the consideration or decision of this matter.