

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE
NASHVILLE DIVISION**

JASON BRYANT,)	
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Petitioner,)	
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v.)	NO. 3:17-cv-00860
)	CHIEF JUDGE CRENSHAW
TONY C. PARKER, et al.,)	
)	
Respondents.)	

ORDER

Petitioner’s counsel’s Motion for Admission Pro Hac Vice (Doc. No. 9) is **GRANTED**. Before the Court is Respondent’s Motion to Transfer Petitioner’s Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus. (Doc. No. 8.)


In 1998, Petitioner was convicted and sentenced in the Circuit Court for Greene County, Tennessee, located in the Eastern District of Tennessee. (Doc. Nos. 1-2 at 2-3); 28 U.S.C. § 123(a). In 2005, Petitioner filed a habeas corpus petition in the Eastern District of Tennessee, Greeneville Division (Doc. Nos. 1-2 at 8-15), which was dismissed. Bryant v. Carlton, No. 2:05-CV-151, 2007 WL 2263067 (E.D. Tenn. Aug. 3, 2007). In May 2017, the Sixth Circuit granted Petitioner’s motion authorizing a second or successive petition. (Doc. No. 1-1.)

On May 18, 2017, Petitioner filed a habeas corpus petition in this district. (Doc. No. 1.) Petitioner is an inmate at the Turney Center Industrial Complex, located in the Middle District of Tennessee. 28 U.S.C. § 123(b). Thus, the Middle and Eastern Districts of Tennessee have concurrent jurisdiction over the pending petition. 28 U.S.C. § 2241(d). Respondent requests that the Court transfer the petition to the Eastern District of Tennessee at Greeneville “in accordance with its usual customs and practices.” (Doc. No. 8 at 2.) Petitioner argues, however, that his petition

should remain in the Middle District of Tennessee for the convenience of his pro bono attorneys, the parties, and anticipated non-party witnesses. (Doc. No. 10 at 1-4.) Petitioner also contends that he would be prejudiced in the event that he receives a new sentencing hearing in Greeneville, and that Respondents suffer no prejudice from his petition remaining in the Middle District. (Id. at 4-5.)

While Petitioner's place of confinement may change over time, the district of his conviction will not. Further, the Eastern District of Tennessee is more familiar with the Petitioner's case, being the district that considered his first habeas corpus petition. Accordingly, Respondents' motion to transfer (Doc. No. 8) is **GRANTED**. The Clerk is directed to **TRANSFER** this action to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee, Northeastern Division at Greeneville. 28 U.S.C. § 1404(a).

IT IS SO ORDERED.



WAVERLY D. CRENSHAW, JR.
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE