

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA
(Before a Referee)

THE FLORIDA BAR,

Complainant,

v.

STEVEN KENT HUNTER

and

PHILIP MAURICE GERSON,

Respondents.

Supreme Court Case Nos.
SC16-1006 & SC16-1009

The Florida Bar File Nos.
2014-70,728(11C)
2014-70,729(11C)

**AGREED MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE REPORT OF
REFEREE**

The Florida Bar, on behalf of the Honorable Michael Allen Hanzman, and with the agreement of all parties, moves for a thirty (30) day extension of time for the Referee to file his report in these consolidated disciplinary matters. In support of this relief, the Bar represents as follows:

1. On June 14, 2016, this Court issued orders in related Supreme Court Case Nos. SC16-1006 (Respondent Steven Hunter) and SC16-1009 (Respondent Philip Gerson) directing the Chief Judge of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit to appoint a referee within 14 days.

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2. Chief Judge Bertila Soto appointed Judge Michael Allen Hanzman as Referee in both matters on July 8, 2016. The report of referee is currently due on January 4, 2017.

3. On August 19, 2016, the Referee entered an agreed order granting The Florida Bar's renewed motion to consolidate both matters. The order consolidated both matters for trial, as well as discovery and other pre-trial matters.

4. The final hearing was conducted on December 27, 2016 and December 28, 2016.

5. A total of 77 agreed exhibits were entered into evidence, four witnesses testified live, and one witness testified by deposition.

6. At the conclusion of the final hearing, the Referee requested that the parties prepare and file a motion for an extension of time in order that the Referee may have an additional thirty (30) day to review the evidence, consider additional case law, and draft and submit the report.

7. Counsel for all parties have reviewed the instant motion and are in agreement with its requested relief.

WHEREFORE, The Florida Bar and all counsel of record request that this Honorable Court grant this agreed motion, extend the time for the referee to submit

his Report for 30 days, i.e., until February 4, 2017, and to grant such further relief as is just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "THOMAS KROEGER".

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that this Agreed Motion for Extension of Time to File Report of Referee has been E-filed with the Honorable John A. Tomasino, Clerk of the Supreme Court of Florida, with a copy provided via email through the E-Filing Portal to John A. Weiss, Respondent Steven Hunter's Counsel, at jweiss@rumberger.com; Steven Hunter, Co-Counsel, at shunter@hunterlynchlaw.com; David Pollack and Farah R. Bridges, Counsel for Respondent Philip Gerson, at dpollack@stearnsweaver.com and frajani@stearnsweaver.com; and that a copy has been furnished by United States Mail to the Honorable Michael Allen Hanzman, Referee, at Dade County Courthouse, 73 W. Flagler Street, Ste. 804, Miami, Florida 33130, via email to Adria E. Quintela, Staff Counsel, The Florida Bar, at aquintel@flabar.org, on this 30th day of December, 2016.



Thomas Allen Kroeger, Bar Counsel