

Supreme Court of Florida

WHEREAS, it officially has been made known to me that it is necessary to appoint a referee for the Court pursuant to rule 3-7.6(a), Rules Regulating the Florida Bar, to preside in a contempt of court action brought by The Florida Bar in the matter of:

The Florida Bar vs. Anett Lopez,
Supreme Court Case No. SC16-1016;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jorge Labarga, under authority vested in me as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Florida, do hereby designate The Honorable Bertila Soto, Chief Judge of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit Court of Florida, to appoint a referee for the Court in the above matter and, within fourteen days of this order, to notify the Clerk of the Florida Supreme Court and the parties as to the judge appointed as referee. The referee shall hear, conduct, try, and determine the matters presented and thereafter shall submit findings of fact and recommendations to the Supreme Court of Florida as provided in rule 3-7.6(m). Pursuant to rule 3-7.6(n)(3), bar counsel shall assist the referee in the preparation of the index and record in this cause. Pursuant to rule 3-7.6(m)(1), any order by the referee regarding disposition of the case shall be merely a recommendation to this Court.

Such an order shall not dispose of the proceedings. This Court shall review and, if appropriate, approve the referee's recommended disposition order.

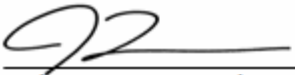
The referee's report shall be filed within 180 days of his or her appointment, unless there are substantial reasons requiring delay.

DONE AND ORDERED at Tallahassee, Florida, on August 30, 2016.



CHIEF JUSTICE
SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

ATTEST:



John A. Tomasino
Clerk, Supreme Court



Enclosed: Petition for Contempt and Order to Show Cause, Exhibit 1, Possible Venue, Order dated June 8, 2016, Notice of Confidential Information, Appendix (redacted). Verified Response to Order to Show Cause, Reply to Response, Appendix, Motion to Withdraw, Order dated August 29, 2016.