

Supreme Court of Florida

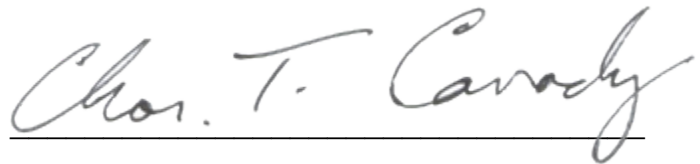
WHEREAS, it officially has been made known to me that it is necessary to appoint a referee for the Court pursuant to rule 3-7.6(a), Rules Regulating the Florida Bar, to preside in a disciplinary action brought by The Florida Bar pursuant to Chapter 3 of the Rules Regulating the Florida Bar in the matter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

The Florida Bar vs. Mark P. Stopa,
Supreme Court Case No. SC18-1197;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Charles T. Canady, under authority vested in me as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Florida, do hereby designate The Honorable Ronald N. Ficarrota, Chief Judge of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit Court of Florida, to **immediately** appoint a referee for the Court in the above matter and 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 **within seven days from the date of the assignment** and thereafter shall submit a report and recommendation to the Supreme Court of Florida **within seven days of the date of the hearing** as provided in rule 3-5.2(g). 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 3-5.2(g) any order by the referee regarding disposition of the case shall be merely a recommendation to this

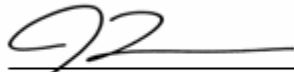
Court. Such an order shall not dispose of the proceedings. This Court shall review and, if appropriate, approve the referee's recommended disposition order.

DONE AND ORDERED at Tallahassee, Florida, on July 27, 2018.



CHIEF JUSTICE
SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

ATTEST:



John A. Tomasino
Clerk, Supreme Court



Enclosed: Respondent's Motion to Dissolve or Amend Emergency Suspension, or, in the Alternative, Withdraw Emergency Suspension and Appoint Referee to Consider Same.