

**BEFORE THE FLORIDA  
JUDICIAL QUALIFICATIONS COMMISSION**

**INQUIRY CONCERNING A JUDGE  
NO.14-488**

**CASE NO. : SC15-1746  
RE : KIM SHEPARD**

**RESPONDENT'S UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR  
EXTENSION OF TIME FILE A RESPONSE TO THE  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE**

**COMES NOW**, THE RESPONDENT, JUDGE KIM SHEPARD, BY AND THROUGH THE UNDERSIGNED COUNSEL, PURSUANT TO RULE 17 OF THE FLORIDA JUDICIAL QUALIFICATIONS COMMISSION RULES, AND HEREBY MOVES FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE A RESPONSE TO THE RULE TO SHOW CAUSE ISSUED BY THIS COURT, AND IN SUPPORT HEREOF WOULD SHOW :

1. THIS MOTION IS MADE IN GOOD FAITH AND NOT INTERPOSED FOR THE PURPOSE OF DELAY.
2. THE RESPONDENT HAS BEEN ORDERED BY THIS HONORABLE COURT TO SHOW CAUSE WHY THE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE JQC HEARING PANEL SHOULD NOT BE ACCEPTED AND FOLLOWED BY THIS COURT ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2016.
3. THE RESPONDENT HAS BEEN DILIGENTLY ATTEMPTING TO RETAIN QUALIFIED COUNSEL TO UNDERTAKE HER REPRESENTATION OF THIS STAGE OF THE PROCEEDINGS.
4. THE POOL OF LAWYERS WITH THE REQUISITE KNOWLEDGE OF THE RULES GOVERNING JQC PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE FLORIDA SUPREME COURT IS LIMITED AND THEREFORE OBTAINING QUALIFIED COUNSEL FOR THIS MATTER IS CHALLENGING.
5. RESPONDENT'S EFFORTS IN THIS REGARD, HAVE BEEN ADDITIONALLY HINDERED BY THE REDUCED AVAILABILITY OF MANY OF THOSE LAWYERS DUE TO SUMMER TRAVEL PLANS, CONFLICTS, AND OTHER EXISTING COMMITMENTS.
6. SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR THE JQC IN THIS ACTION, SCOTT RICHARDSON, ESQUIRE, HAS BEEN MADE AWARE OF THESE ONGOING EFFORTS AND CONSULTED REGARDING THIS MOTION.

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7. SPECIAL COUNSEL TO THE JQC IN THIS ACTION, SCOTT RICHARDSON, ESQUIRE, HAS AUTHORIZED THE UNDERSIGNED RESPONDENT TO REPRESENT TO THE COURT THAT HE HAS NO OBJECTION TO A CONTINUANCE OF THIS ACTION FOR 30 DAYS TO PROVIDE THE UNDERSIGNED RESPONDENT THE OPPORTUNITY TO RETAIN QUALIFIED COUNSEL.

**WHEREFORE**, RESPONDENT, JUDGE KIM SHEPARD, RESPECTFULLY REQUESTS A 30 DAY EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE HER RESPONSE TO THIS COURT'S ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE AND ANY ADDITIONAL RELIEF THIS TRIBUNAL WILL DEEM JUST AND PROPER.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 24<sup>TH</sup> OF JUNE, 2016

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY CERTIFIES THAT ON THIS 24<sup>TH</sup> OF JUNE, 2016, A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THIS MOTION AND WAS SERVED UPON:

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