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IN RE: AMENDMENTS TO THE FLORIDA FAMILY LAW RULE 12.901(a)

CASE NO.: SC17-1226

RESPONSE TO COMMENT RECEIVED FROM THE FLORIDA NOTARY ACADEMY BY THE FAMILY RULES COMMITTEE

Robert J. Merlin, Chair of the Family Law Rules Committee (FLRC), and John F. Harkness, Jr., Executive Director of The Florida Bar, file this response to the Comment of Robert T. Koehler, d/b/a Florida Notary Academy (FNA), on the proposed elimination of the notarization requirement in Form 12.901(a).

The concerns raised by the FNA's comment were considered during the committee's process of approving the proposed amendments. The FLRC determined that the advantages of removing the notarization requirement warrant the proposed amendment. Therefore, the FLRC reiterates its request for the Court to accept the proposed amendment to Form 12.901(a) as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted on October 30, 2017.

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