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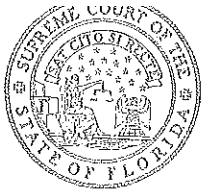

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Ms. Amy Singer Borman
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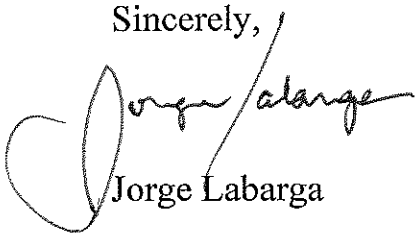
Dear Ms. Borman:

Thank you for your recent letter concerning parental leave. As indicated in your letter, the Diversity and Inclusion Committee of The Florida Bar adopted a resolution in support of a proposed parental leave rule; however, the full Rules of Judicial Administration Committee (RJAC) voted not to pursue such a rules amendment. The RJAC did support the proposal that motions for continuances based on parental leave should generally be granted. Finally, you shared the RJAC's request that judicial education programs should address the topic of continuances based on parental leave. The RJAC cited anecdotal evidence of the denial of continuances in certain situations to support its judicial education request.

Based on an article published in the August 15, 2016, Florida Bar News, it appears the Bar is continuing to explore the issue of parental leave for attorneys; accordingly, it seems appropriate to defer any action until such time as the Bar's recommendations are finalized.

I am grateful to the members of the RJAC for your work on this important issue and your ongoing efforts on behalf of the Florida justice system.

Sincerely,



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