

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 matter relating to the pending Emergency Motion for Relief and Clarification Regarding Order of Suspension and the pending Motion to Dissolve or Modify Order of Emergency Suspension in the matter of:

The Florida Bar vs. Dennis L. Horton,
Supreme Court Case No. SC17-782;

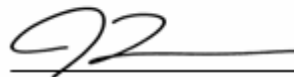
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jorge Labarga, under authority vested in me as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Florida, do hereby designate The Honorable Toby S. Monaco, Chief Judge of the Eighth Judicial Circuit Court of Florida, to **immediately** appoint a referee for the Court in the above matter. **If a judge has already been appointed in this case, but another judge other than the one already appointed, is appointed to hear the above matter, the Clerk of the Florida Supreme Court and the parties shall be notified 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 May 12, 2017.


CHIEF JUSTICE
SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

ATTEST:


John A. Tomasino
Clerk, Supreme Court



Enclosed: Respondent's Emergency Motion for Relief and Clarification Regarding Order of Suspension w/exhibits, Respondent's Motion to Dissolve or Modify Order of Emergency Suspension w/exhibits, and Notice of Waiver.