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WHEREAS, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Florida has designated the Undersigned Chief Judge of the Eighth Judicial Circuit of Florida to appoint a referee for the Court to preside in a disciplinary action brought by the Florida Bar pursuant to the Rules Regulating the Florida Bar; now, therefore

IT IS ORDERED that the Honorable Phillip A. Pena, Circuit Judge, in and for the Eighth Judicial Circuit, State of Florida, is hereby designated and appointed as referee for the Florida Supreme Court in the matter of

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

The Honorable Phillip A. Pena, as referee, is hereby vested with all and singular the powers and prerogatives conferred by the Constitution, the laws of the State of Florida, and the Rules Regulating the Florida Bar, concerning a referee for the Supreme Court of Florida in this matter.

Online resources are available for judges serving as referees in proceedings involving disciplinary action against attorneys and the unlicensed practice of law. The resources offered at http://www.flcourts.org/gen_public/courted/bar-referee.shtml provide detailed information on the role of a Bar Referee in both of these types of proceedings, and should be reviewed prior to handling this case.

SO ORDERED this 9th day of May, 2017.

Toby S. Monaco, Chief Judge

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing has been provided to the following parties by U.S. Main and/or electronic transmission this 9th day of May, 2017.

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