

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA
(Before a Referee)

THE FLORIDA BAR,
Complainant,

v.

DENNIS L. HORTON,
Respondent.

Supreme Court Case
No. SC17-782

The Florida Bar File
No. 2017-30,371 (07B)(CES)

RESPONSE TO MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE
REPORT OF REFEREE

COMES NOW the complainant, The Florida Bar, in response to respondent's Motion for Extension of Time to File the Report of Referee and says:

1. On July 3, 2017, respondent filed a Motion to Continue the Final Hearing and Motion to Bifurcate the Proceeding.
2. On July 6, 2017, the bar filed a response to both of respondent's motions in which the bar objected to the Motion to Continue the Final Hearing but did not object to the Motion to Bifurcate the Proceeding.
3. After a telephonic hearing on July 7, 2017, the referee granted respondent's Motion to Continue the Final Hearing and respondent's Motion to Bifurcate the Proceeding and an order was signed on July 11, 2017 to reflect the ruling by the referee.

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4. Additionally, respondent signed a waiver that was approved by the referee, on July 11, 2017, pursuant to Rule 3-5.2(n) of the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar that provides that respondent may at any time waive the 90-day time requirements set forth by this rule.

5. As such, the bar does not object to respondent's Motion for Extension of Time to File Report of Referee.

WHEREFORE, The Florida Bar requests this Honorable Court will issue an order granting respondent's motion for an extension of time for the filing of the Report of Referee.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that this document has been E-filed with The Honorable John A. Tomasino, Clerk of the Supreme Court of Florida with copies provided via email to The Honorable Phillip Pena, Referee, at Alachua County Courthouse, 220 S. Main Street, Room A303, Gainesville, Florida 32601-6538 at wablekc@circuit8.org, to Respondent's Counsel, Brett Alan Geer, The Geer Law Firm, 3030 N. Rocky Point Drive W., Suite 150, Tampa, Florida 33607-7200 at brettgeer@geerlawfirm.com; and to Staff Counsel, The Florida Bar, Lakeshore Plaza II, Suite 130, 1300 Concord Terrace, Sunrise, Florida 33323, aquintel@floridabar.org, using the E-filing Portal, on this 14th day of July, 2017.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carrie C. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Carrie Constance Lee, Bar Counsel