

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA
(Before a Referee)

THE FLORIDA BAR,
Petitioner,

Supreme Court Case
No. SC18-149

v.

The Florida Bar File
Nos. 20174035(11B) and
20174045(11B)

TIKD SERVICES LLC,
A Foreign Limited Liability Company,

and

CHRISTOPHER RILEY,
individually and as Founder of
TIKD SERVICES LLC,

Respondents.

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**THE FLORIDA BAR’S MOTION TO STRIKE RESPONDENTS’
CORRECTED RESPONSE TO MOTION OF AMICI CURIAE FOR
LEAVE TO PARTICIPATE IN ORAL ARGUMENT**

The Florida Bar, pursuant to Rule of Appellate Procedure 9.300, hereby moves to strike Respondents’ Corrected Response to Motion of Amici Curiae for Leave to Participate in Oral Argument and states as follows:

1. Pursuant to Florida Rule of Appellate Procedure 9.210, the parties fully briefed this Court on the merits of the unlicensed practice of law issues herein. The process concluded with The Florida Bar’s Reply Brief being timely filed on August 15, 2019.

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2. The Corrected Response to Motion of Amici Curiae for Leave to Participate in Oral Argument filed by Respondents alleges Amici Curiae Private Practice Lawyers may be time-barred from seeking leave to participate in oral argument. Rather than addressing the alleged procedural defect, Respondents reargue the substantive merits of this case.

3. In contravention of Rule 9.210, Respondents disguise their Corrected Response to Motion of Amici Curiae for Leave to Participate in Oral Argument as a procedural challenge, but in fact they are rearguing the substantive merits of this case. Respondents have seized on Amici's apparent procedural defect to respond to The Florida Bar's Reply Brief.

4. Respondents already objected to Amici Curiae participating in oral argument as set forth in Amici Curiae's Motion of Amici Curiae, The Florida Private Practice Lawyers, for Leave to Participate in Oral Argument. By Respondents filing their Corrected Response to Motion of Amici Curiae for Leave to Participate in Oral Argument, they reveal their intent to argue substantive matters. At this stage of the proceedings, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure do not allow Respondents to engage in additional legal posturing under the pretext of a procedural motion.

WHEREFORE, The Florida Bar, for the grounds stated above, respectfully requests this Court enter an order striking Respondents' Corrected Response to

Motion of Amici Curiae for Leave to Participate in Oral Argument and grant such other relief as it may deem proper.

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