

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF
FLORIDA, INC., COMMON CAUSE,
PATRICIA M. BRIGHAM, JOANNE
LYNCH AYE, and ELIZA
McCLENAGHAN,

Petitioners,

v.

Case No.: SC18-1573

HON. RICK SCOTT, in His Official
Capacity as Governor of Florida,
FLORIDA SUPREME COURT
JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION,
and JASON L. UNGER, in His Official
Capacity as Chair of the Florida Supreme
Court Judicial Nominating Commission,

Respondents.

**UNOPPOSED MOTION OF THE SOUTH FLORIDA CHAPTER OF THE
NATIONAL BLACK PROSECUTORS ASSOCIATION FOR LEAVE TO
APPEAR AS AMICUS IN SUPPORT OF FAWL ET AL AMICUS BRIEF IN
PARTIAL SUPPORT OF THE EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL
PETITION FILED BY PETITIONERS**

Pursuant to Florida Rule of Appellate Procedure 9.370, South Florida Chapter of the National Black Prosecutors Association (“South Florida NBPA”), respectfully moves this Court for the entry of an order permitting it to appear as amicus curiae in partial support of Petitioners’ position to extend the Supreme Court application deadline by joining the brief of Amici Curiae Florida Association

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for Women Lawyers (“FAWL”) et al. As grounds therefore, South Florida NBPA states:

1. This case is before this Court on the basis of quo warranto jurisdiction.

2. The National Black Prosecutors Association (NBPA) is the only professional membership organization dedicated to the advancement of Blacks as prosecutors. Founded in 1983, the Association’s membership is comprised of both chief and line prosecutors nationwide. In addition to prosecutors, the association’s membership includes law students, former prosecutors, and law enforcement personnel.

3. The objectives of South Florida NBPA are to advance the art of fair and firm prosecution; to encourage legal education and professional development; to provide and promote fellowship and support for African American prosecutors; to encourage recruitment, retention, and promotion of African American prosecutors within the city, county, state, and federal offices; to uphold the honor and dignity of the bar; to promote the profession of the prosecution of criminal and civil matters in high schools and law schools throughout the state of Florida; and to perpetuate the history of the NBPA South Florida and the legacy of its members.

4. South Florida NBPA does not plan to file a separate brief, but only seeks to join the FAWL et al. amici in support of extension of the deadline for the

receipt of application to the Florida Supreme Court JNC in light of the Court's interim order of October 15, 2018. South Florida NBPA unequivocally believes in the importance of a diverse applicant pool, reflective of the citizens of Florida and The Florida Bar. The current applicant pool is not reflective of Florida's diversity. South Florida NBPA believes that additional diverse highly qualified applicants will apply if the deadline is extended.

5. The relief is sought as soon as practicable, given the emergency nature of the supplemental petition, the time it took to be docketed, and the board approval process required for South Florida NBPA to appear as amicus.

6. The undersigned counsel, Kristina Mills, has conferred with counsel for the Parties, and is authorized to represent that they have no objections to this motion.

WHEREFORE, the South Florida NBPA respectfully moves this Court for the entry of an order permitting it to appear as amici curiae in partial support of Petitioners' position and join the Amicus Brief filed by FAWL et al. on November 7th, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

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