

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA**

Father John Gallagher,

No. SC18-865

*Petitioner,*

v.

Diocese of Palm Beach, Inc.,

*Respondent.*

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**VERIFIED MOTION OF MARK E. CHOPKO, ESQ.  
FOR ADMISSION TO APPEAR *PRO HAC VICE***

Comes now Mark E. Chopko, Esq., movant herein, pursuant to Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.510 and Rule 1-3.11, Rules Regulating the Florida Bar, and respectfully presents the following:

1. Movant is an attorney and member of the law firm of Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young, LLP, with offices at 1250 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Suite 500, Washington, DC 20036. The firm's phone number is 202-822-9611.

2. Movant has been personally and as a member of the above-named law firm retained on July 14, 2017 by Petitioner Diocese of Palm Beach, Inc., to provide legal representation in connection with the above-captioned matter now pending before the above-named court of the State of Florida.

3. Movant is an active member in good standing and currently eligible to

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practice law in the following jurisdictions(s): Pennsylvania (Attorney ID 26072); District of Columbia (Attorney ID 410353); the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia; the federal appellate Third, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Ninth, Tenth, and District of Columbia Circuits; and the United States Supreme Court.

4. There are no disciplinary proceedings against Movant.

5. Within the past five (5) years, Movant has not been subject to any disciplinary proceedings.

6. Movant is not disbarred or suspended from practice in any jurisdiction.

7. Movant is not a Florida resident. Movant resides in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

8. Movant is not a member of the Florida Bar, but ineligible to practice law.

9. Movant has not previously been disciplined or held in contempt by reason of misconduct committed while engaged in representation pursuant to Rule 1-3.11 of the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar.

10. Movant has not appeared as counsel in any other Florida cases during the past five (5) years. Movant did, however, appear below in case No. 4D17-2579.

11. Movant has read the applicable provisions of Rules 1-3.11 and 4-5.5 of the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar and certifies that this verified statement complies with Rule 1-3.11.

12. Movant agrees to comply with the provisions of the Florida Rules of Professional Conduct and consents to the jurisdiction of the courts and the Bar of the State of Florida.

13. Local counsel of record associated with Movant in this matter is Elaine D. Walter (Florida Bar Number 873381) of Gaebe Mullen Antonelli & DiMatteo, who is an active member in good standing with The Florida Bar and has offices at 420 South Dixie Highway, 3rd Floor, Coral Gables, Florida 33146. The firm's telephone number is 305-667-0223.

WHEREFORE, Movant respectfully requests permission to appear in this Court for this cause only, and simultaneously files this verified statement with The Florida Bar.

DATED this 31st day of May, 2018.

/s/ Mark E. Chopko  
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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on June 1, 2018, a true and correct copy of the foregoing Motion and Statement were furnished by U.S. mail to PHV Admissions, The Florida Bar, 651 East Jefferson Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2333 accompanied by payment of the \$250.00 filing fee made payable to The Florida Bar and served by ePortal and/or e-mail to:

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