

BEFORE THE JUDICIAL QUALIFICATIONS COMMISSION  
STATE OF FLORIDA

INQUIRY CONCERNING A JUDGE,  
THE HONORABLE VEGINA T. HAWKINS,  
JQC No. 2019-351.

SC19-1193

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**UNOPPOSED MOTION TO CONTINUE FINAL HEARING**

COMES NOW the Respondent Judge, Vegina T. Hawkins (hereinafter “Respondent”), by and through her undersigned counsel, and respectfully moves this Honorable Court to continue the Final Hearing in this cause which is currently set for Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, and Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020, and in support thereof would show for cause as follows:

1. That undersigned counsel has been involved in a Second Degree Murder trial which began on January 27, 2020, in the case of State of Florida v. Jason Browdy, Case Number 15-8388CF10A. This jury trial has been taking place (11 days of trial have concluded) before the Honorable Michael A. Usan, 17<sup>th</sup> Circuit Judge, in Broward County Circuit Court;

2. That the undersigned counsel is an insulin-dependent diabetic, and has been for quite some time. Last night (February 11<sup>th</sup>) the undersigned suffered a diabetic episode which required medical intervention and treatment at the Emergency Room of the hospital this morning (February 12<sup>th</sup>);

3. That the undersigned has been directed by his treating physicians to undergo a program of bed rest and a light work schedule for a few days (3 – 4 days), in an effort to stabilize current blood sugar levels. This is not a life-threatening situation, however, it is extremely urgent that counsel abide by his treating physicians’ orders, so this situation does not escalate;

4. That the Respondent Judge, Vegina T. Hawkins, has been consulted with regard to her counsel's current medical situation, and concurs that a continuance of the Final Hearing is necessary at this time (see Statement of Judge Hawkins' in Support of Continuance attached);

5. That Attorney Jaclyn E. Broudy, Esq., of this office, has communicated with Henry M. Coxe, III, Special Counsel for the Judicial Qualifications Commission, and he has been advised of this situation, and the need for a continuance of the Final Hearing. Mr. Coxe has advised that he does not oppose the relief sought;

6. That the undersigned counsel is currently prepared, in every way other than physically, to appear at and represent Judge Hawkins in this Final Hearing. Numerous witnesses have been subpoenaed and are standing by ready to testify. The Judge's Exhibits Books are prepared, and ready to be distributed prior to the current start date of the Final Hearing (tomorrow morning), unfortunately though, the undersigned counsel's medical situation has intervened, and it is just not physically possible for the undersigned to appear as scheduled. An appearance at the current time would not be in the best interests of the undersigned, the Court, or the Respondent;

WHEREFORE, Respondent respectfully moves this Honorable Court to continue the Final Hearing now set in this cause for February 13<sup>th</sup> and February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I **HEREBY CERTIFY** that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020, to:

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**STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF FINAL HEARING CONTINUANCE**

That I, VEGINA T. HAWKINS, Respondent in this case, do hereby consent to a continuance of the final hearing in this cause, and I acknowledge that this matter is being postponed due to unavoidable issues related to my counsel.



HON. VEGINA T. HAWKINS

2/12/2020  
DATE