

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

Case No.: SC19-385

STEVEN YOUNKIN,

Petitioner,

v.

NATHAN BLACKWELDER,

Respondent

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FLORIDA DEFENSE LAWYERS ASSOCIATION'S
MOTION FOR LEAVE TO APPEAR AS AMICUS CURIAE
ON BEHALF OF THE PETITIONER

Pursuant to Florida Rule of Appellate Procedure 9.370, the FLORIDA DEFENSE LAWYERS ASSOCIATION (“FDLA”) hereby moves this Honorable Court for leave to file an Amicus Brief in support of the Petitioner STEVEN YOUNKIN and in support states as follows:

1. FDLA is a statewide organization of civil defense attorneys consisting of approximately 1,000 members.

2. The FDLA maintains an active amicus curiae program in which members donate their time and skills to submit briefs in important cases pending in Florida state and federal appellate courts. These cases involve significant legal issues with statewide impact on tort and insurance matters and trial procedure.

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3. This case carries statewide importance as it addresses the extent Worley v. Cent. Fla. YMCA, 228 So. 3d 18 (Fla. 2017), applies to defense law firms and whether they are required to produce financial bias discovery where plaintiff law firms are not required to do so.

4. FDLA hereby gives notice of its intent to appear as amicus curiae in support of the position of Petitioner STEVEN YOUNKIN.

5. FDLA hereby requests that it be permitted to file an amicus brief in support of the position of the Petitioner.

6. The undersigned will be drafting the amicus brief on behalf of the FDLA.

7. The undersigned has contacted counsels for all parties. The undersigned is authorized to represent that the parties do not have any objections to FDLA's appearance as an amicus curiae.

WHEREFORE, FLORIDA DEFENSE LAWYERS ASSOCIATION hereby requests that this Court to enter an order permitting it to appear as amicus curiae and to file an amicus brief in this matter.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

WE HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing served through the EPORTAL to: **George H. Anderson, III Esq.**, Dutch.Anderson@newlinlaw.com; Anderson.pleadings@newlinlaw.com; Dan Newlin & Partners, 7335 W Sand Lake Road, Orlando, FL 32819; **Mark A. Nation, Esq.**, and **Paul W. Pritchard, Esq.**, bhirt@nationlaw.com, mnation@nationalw.com, ppritchard@nationlaw.com, The Nation Law Firm, 570 Crown Oak Centre Drive, Longwood, FL 32750; **Amanda E. Wright, Esq.**, OrlandoLegal@Allstate.com, Law Offices of Robert J. Smith, 390 North Orange Avenue, Suite 895, Orlando, FL 32801-1635; **Kansas R. Gooden, Esq. and Geneva R. Fountain**, kgooden@boydjen.com, gfountain@boydjen.com, dperalta@boydjen.com, kbarnett@boydjen.com, Boyd & Jenerette, P.A., 201 North Hogan Street, Suite 400, Jacksonville, FL 32202; this 29 day of May, 2019.

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