

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA
(Before a Referee)

THE FLORIDA BAR,

Complainant,

Supreme Court Case Nos.
SC19-488 and SC19-1570
(Consolidated)

v.

The Florida Bar File Nos.
2016-00,682(2A) and 2019-00,088(2A)

PHILLIP TIMOTHY HOWARD,

Respondent.

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MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE REPORT OF REFEREE

COMES NOW, The Florida Bar on behalf of the Honorable Paul Spurgin Bryan, and moves this court for an extension of time for the referee to file his report and says:

1. On April 2, 2019, the referee was appointed in SC19-488 and on September 26, 2019, the referee was appointed in SC19-1570.
2. On December 9, 2019, the referee entered an order consolidating the above-referenced cases for the purpose of final hearing. On February 18, 2020, this Court granted an extension for the report of referee until June 22, 2020.
3. Due to restrictions put in place as a result of COVID-19 as well as discovery issues, the matter was again continued with the report of referee now due on or before December 23, 2020.

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4. On November 16-18, 2020, a final hearing was held SC19-488 via Zoom; however, the hearing time expired prior to a final hearing on case SC19-1570.

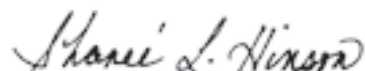
5. Additional trial days of December 7, 8 and 11, 2020, were added to complete the final hearing in SC19-1570.

6. The referee will need a sufficient amount of time to hold a sanction hearing if warranted and to issue his report.

7. The undersigned has conferred with the referee and respondent's counsel and both agree to this extension.

WHEREFORE, The Florida Bar prays this Honorable Court will issue an order granting the referee an extension of time until February 22, 2021, to file his report in this matter.

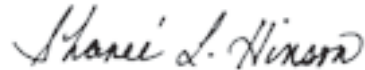
Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that this document has been e-filed with The Honorable John A. Tomasino, Clerk of the Supreme Court of Florida, and provided to The Honorable Paul Spurgin Bryan, Referee, via his Judicial Assistant, Tilena, J. Gutshall, at gutshall.tilena@jud3.flcourts.org, to Respondent's Counsel, Alfred Brunetti, at abrunetti@mdmc-law.com, and to Patricia Ann Toro Savitz, Staff Counsel, The Florida Bar, at psavitz@floridabar.org, on this 23rd day of November, 2020.



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