

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

INQUIRY CONCERNING A JUDGE, Supreme Court Case No.
SC20-1251

HON. RICHARD HOWARD JQC No. 2020-155

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MOTION TO APPEAR BY VIDEO CONFERENCE/ZOOM

COMES NOW, Respondent, HONORABLE RICHARD HOWARD,
by and through the undersigned counsel, and files this Motion to
Appear by Video Conference/Zoom and states as follows:

1. Respondent, Honorable Richard Howard, has been
directed to appear before this Court on Thursday, September 2,
2021, at 9:00 a.m. for a public reprimand.

2. For health and safety considerations, and consistent with
Supreme Court of Florida Administrative Order No. AOSC21-17,
Amendment 1, In Re: Covid-19 Health and Safety Protocols and
Emergency Operational Measures for Florida Appellate and Trial
Courts (July 29, 2021), Respondent's counsel requests the Court to
conduct the public reprimand remotely, allowing the parties to
utilize existing technology for this purpose.

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3. Undersigned Counsel resides in Hillsborough County which is presently reporting that the CDC community transmission is high.

4. Due to the continuing increase in COVID-19 cases in Florida, Respondent and Respondent's counsel are concerned about the spread and potential health impact of COVID-19 and the "Delta" variant, increasing the concern over travel and in-person interactions.

5. Neither the Court nor the parties would be prejudiced by permitting appearance by means of video conference/Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Motion to Appear by Video Conference/Zoom has been E-Filed with The Honorable John A. Tomasino, Clerk of the Supreme Court of Florida, and that a copy has been furnished by email to Blan L. Teagle, Esquire, Executive Director, Florida Judicial Qualifications Commission, at bteagle@floridajqc.com, and Alexander J. Williams, Esquire General Counsel, Florida Judicial Qualifications Commission, at awilliams@floridajqc.com, this 26th day of August, 2021.

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