

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

CASE NO. SC20-1543

IN RE:
AMENDMENTS TO RULE
REGULATING THE FLORIDA BAR
5-1.1(g)

**UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR 30-DAY EXTENSION OF TIME
TO SUBMIT COMMENTS**

The deadline to submit comments is Monday, January 4, 2021. This motion asks that the deadline for all comments be extended until February 3, 2021.

The undersigned was retained recently by multiple past presidents of The Florida Bar Foundation to present their comments. The undersigned has contacted counsel or representatives for the following groups, each of which intend to comment on the proposed rule:¹

Florida Civil Legal Aid Association (John S. Mills and Thomas H. Hall).

Bay Area Legal Services (Chris W. Altenbernd and Raymond T. Elligett, Jr.)

Innocence Project of Florida (Elliot H. Scherker and David Rothman)

Florida's Children First, Inc. (Steven L. Brannock)

Past Presidents of The Florida Bar (John A. Devault and Barry Scott Richard)

All these groups join in this request for a 30-day extension of time. The reason for this request is threefold. First, many counsel, only recently retained, need

¹ The names of each group's counsel or representative are in parenthesis.

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additional time to become familiar with the task force's large record. Second, the holiday season has arrived. Third, counsel collectively are collaborating with one another to streamline the comments in a manner that will benefit the Court; counsel hope to avoid redundancies in the various groups' comments.

New counsel cannot be adequately educated—and the streamlining process that will benefit the Court cannot realistically be achieved—in the next two weeks, nor in the first two weeks after the holiday season. Therefore, the undersigned is authorized to request on behalf of each of the counsel and representatives above that this Court extend the deadline for comments by thirty days until February 3, 2021.

Mr. Barry Richard contacted the chair of the task force, Mayanne Downs; the task force does not object to this requested extension.

The undersigned contacted counsel for The Florida Bar Foundation, Sylvia H. Walbot. The Foundation does not object to the requested extension, though it does not join this motion.

The undersigned has been in contact with other groups that may be filing comments if they are able to obtain the appropriate authorization.

Given the numerous identified and unidentified groups that may be commenting, the undersigned respectfully suggests the Court should extend the deadline by thirty days, until February 3, 2021, for all comments.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing notice was filed with the Clerk of Court on December 21, 2020, via the Florida Courts E-Filing Portal, which will serve a notice of electronic filing to all counsel of record.

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