

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

THE FLORIDA BAR,

Complainant,

v.

BRUCE JACOBS,

Respondent.

Supreme Court Case
No. SC20-1602

Florida Bar File

No. 2019-70, 188 (11 H)

No. 2019-70,358 (11H)

No. 2020-70,056 (11 H)

RESPONDENT'S MOTION FOR CLARIFICATION TO
DETERMINE DEADLINE TO FILE INITIAL BRIEF AND
REQUEST FOR EXTENSION TO JUNE 27, 2022

Respondent, Bruce Jacobs, Esq. files his Motion for Clarification to Determine Deadline to File Initial Brief and Request for Extension to June 27, 2022, and states as follows:

1. On March 8, 2022, this Honorable Court entered an Order allowing Respondent to serve his Initial Brief on or before April 5, 2022.
2. On April 5, 2022, Respondent filed a motion to stay and a motion to dismiss these proceedings under Florida's Anti-Slapp statute.
3. On May 20, 2022 this Honorable Court entered an order denying the motion dismiss as unavailable under the rules of appellate procedure and granted an extension to serve the initial brief until June 13, 2022.
4. On June 1, 2022, Respondent moved to consolidate 13 bar complaints which this Honorable Court denied 2 days later, on June 3, 2022.

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5. On June 3, 2022, Respondent filed a motion to relinquish the case to consider the 13 pending bar complaints as selective prosecution which this Honorable Court also denied 3 days later, on June 6, 2022.

6. Respondent contacted The Florida Bar to confirm the due date was tolled 5 days, from June 13, 2022 to June 18, 2022, by operation of Fla. R. App. P. Rule 9.300(b) which provides “service of a motion shall toll the time schedule of any proceeding in the court until disposition of the motion.”

7. The Florida Bar objected to following this rule of appellate procedure and continues to demand it should prevail in these proceedings should Respondent not file his initial brief by June 13, 2022.

8. Respondent respectfully submits as June 18th is a Saturday, his initial brief would be due on June 20, 2022. However, The Florida Bar has forced the filing of this Motion for Clarification which further tolls the deadline.

9. Respondent is an adult leader in the Coral Gables Troop 7 scout program and is leaving Saturday, June 11, 2022, to take his two sons and the Troop to summer camp at Camp Daniel Boone in North Carolina.

10. Respondent will be without ideal working conditions until his return on Father’s Day, June 19, 2022.

11. Respondent would respectfully request the Court simply allow him to file his initial brief a week later, on or before June 27, 2022.

12. There is no prejudice to The Florida Bar from this relief, however, The Florida Bar objects to any relief that would delay the filing beyond Monday, June 13, 2022.

WHEREFORE, Respondent, Bruce Jacobs, Esq. respectfully requests this Honorable Court clarify the deadline to file his initial brief is tolled to no sooner than June 20, 2022, and/or grant an extension until June 27, 2022, and any further relief deemed mete and just.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing was filed with the Florida Courts e-filing Portal, and served on all those on the Service List, either via Notices of Electronic Filing generated by the e-Portal system or another authorized manner on June 10, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

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