IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA (Before a Referee)

THE FLORIDA BAR, Complainant, Supreme Court Case No. SC20-1602

v.

The Florida Bar File No. 2019-70,116 (11N)

BRUCE JACOBS,
Petitioner/Respondent.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW AS COUNSEL OF RECORD FOR PETITIONER/RESPONDENT JACOBS, WITH CONSENT OF PETITIONER/RESPONDENT

Counsel Benedict P. Kuehne and Roy D. Wasson and their respective law firms (Kuehne Davis Law, P.A. and Wasson and Associates, Chartered) seek withdrawal as counsel of record for Petitioner/Respondent Bruce Jacobs pursuant to Rule 2.505(f)(1) of the Florida Rules of General Practice and Judicial Administration and Rule 9.440(d) of the Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure. This withdrawal is with the express consent and approval of Mr. Jacobs. The Florida Bar takes no position on this motion.

1. Counsel Benedict P. Kuehne ("Kuehne") and Roy D. Wasson ("Wasson") represented Petitioner/Respondent Bruce Jacobs in proceedings before the Referee.

- 2. Counsel Kuehne and Wasson and their respective law firms have not taken an active role in proceedings before this Court following the initiation of proceedings to review the Report of Referee.
- 3. Neither Kuehne, Wasson, nor their respective law firms were tasked to appear as counsel of record for Petitioner/Respondent in this appellate review of the Report of Referee.
- 4. Counsel of Record David Winker's motion to withdraw was denied without prejudice to refile for compliance with Rules 2.505(f)(1) and 9.404(d).
- 5. Petitioner/Respondent Jacobs, a member of The Florida Bar, is proceeding *pro se* on appeal from the Report of Referee.
- 6. Petitioner/Respondent Jacobs affirmatively consents to the withdrawal of both Kuehne and Wasson and their respective law firms. Petitioner/Respondent Jacobs can proceed on appeal without the assistance of Kuehne, Wasson, and their respective law firms.
- 7. Petitioner/Respondent Jacobs remains counsel of record in this matter. He is receiving a copy of this motion through the eFiling portal as required by Rules 2.505(f)(1) and 9.440(d).

- 8. Counsel for The Florida Bar in this matter, Chris Altenbernd, advised that The Florida Bar takes no position on this motion requesting withdrawal.
- 9. This request does not interfere with the cause of justice and will not delay resolution of this case on appeal.
- 10. By signature below, Petitioner/Respondent Jacobs approves this motion to withdraw.

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