

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

THE FLORIDA BAR,

Case No.: SC20-1602

Complainant,

The Florida Bar File Nos.

v.

2019-70, 188 (11H)

2019-70, 358 (11H)

2020-70, 056 (11H)

BRUCE JACOBS,

Respondent.

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**THE FLORIDA BAR'S RESPONSE IN OPPOSITION
TO RESPONDENT'S MOTION TO STAY, TO CONSOLIDATE AND
REMAND**

THE FLORIDA BAR, by and through its undersigned attorney, responds in opposition to BRUCE JACOBS' motion to stay supreme court proceedings, consolidate all Florida Bar complaint files, and remand this case for "expedited" procedures in a consolidated proceeding adding only cases that are not even filed with this Court. The Bar shows to this Court that:

1. This Bar disciplinary proceeding has been pending since November 3, 2020. It concerns misconduct in 2018 and 2019. The Referee finished the final evidentiary hearing and filed an Amended Report of Referee on December 7, 2021. Mr. Jacobs requested review of that report on February 2, 2022, and the Bar filed its notice of intent to cross-review the sanction a day later.

2. Mr. Jacobs' brief was due in early March 2022. Having obtained an extension to file that brief until April 5, 2022, he has engaged in repeated efforts to delay this proceeding. By Court order, his brief is currently due on June 13, 2022.

3. This case is currently the only open Bar proceeding in this Court naming Mr. Jacobs as a respondent. There are no other cases pending in this Court with which to consolidate this case. Mr. Jacobs claims that there are 10 bar complaints that have been filed since the complaints that resulted in this proceeding. He states that none of these cases has yet reached the stage where a grievance committee has made a finding of probable cause.

4. Although Mr. Jacobs, as a respondent, is not prohibited from disclosing the existence of preliminary discipline proceedings, the Bar is required to treat disciplinary matters pending at the initial investigatory and grievance committee levels as confidential. See Rule 3-7.1(a).

5. But simply stated, there is no matter pending before another Referee with which this proceeding could be consolidated and "remanded."

6. This motion appears designed to further delay the filing of his brief. The motion should be denied, and Mr. Jacobs should be required to file his brief on June 13, 2022. If the brief is not timely filed, his review of the Report of Referee should be dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,

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