

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

THE FLORIDA BAR,

Complainant,

v.

RAYMOND B. MITCHELL,

Respondent.

Case No. SC20-1777

The Florida Bar File
No. 2019-10,038(20A)

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**THE FLORIDA BAR'S RESPONSE TO RESPONDENT'S
MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE INITIAL BRIEF**

Pursuant to Rule 9.300(a), Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure, Complainant The Florida Bar (“TFB”) responds in opposition to Respondent Raymond B. Mitchell’s (“Respondent”) Motion for Extension of Time (the “Motion”), and states as follows:

1. Respondent filed his Notice of Intent to Seek Review of Reports of Referee on August 13, 2021. Pursuant to Rule 3-7.7(c)(3) of the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar, Respondent’s initial brief was due on Monday, September 13, 2021.

2. Respondent first contacted the undersigned via email and voicemail after 9:00 p.m. on the evening of September 15, 2021, and requested until November 1, 2021 (an additional 47 days) to file his initial brief. Respondent filed his Motion with the Court later that

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evening. At the time of filing the Motion, Respondent's initial brief was already two days overdue.

3. Respondent's justification for his extension request is that he has been extremely busy. (Motion at 1-4). He also states that he did not order copies of the necessary hearing transcripts until around August 31, 2021. (Motion at 2-3).

4. As a courtesy, TFB does not oppose a 30-day extension, which would give Respondent until October 13, 2021, to file his initial brief. But Respondent has not provided sufficient justification to warrant additional time.

Dated September 17, 2021.

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