

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA
(Before a Referee)**

**THE FLORIDA BAR,
Complainant,**

v.

**SCOT STREMS,
Respondent.**

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**Case No. SC20-842
The Florida Bar File No.
2019-70,468 (11C)**

**RESPONDENT'S UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF
TIME TO SERVE ANSWER BRIEF**

Respondent Scot Strems seeks an extension of time for thirty (30) days to serve his answer brief. This request is unopposed. The following good faith reasons support this requested extension.

1. Pursuant to Florida Bar Rule 3-7.7(c)(3), respondent's answer brief is due August 23, 2021.

2. Respondent requests an extension of thirty (30) days until Wednesday, September 22, 2021.

3. Counsel for The Florida Bar does not oppose this requested extension.

4. This is the first (and only expected) extension request for preparation of the answer brief. Although respondent's counsel has been working diligently in the preparation of the answer brief, the

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record of proceedings is exceptionally large, and the initial brief raises multiple issues that require diligent attention to the record and a detailed analysis of the legal authority cited. Respondent's counsel has been unable to complete a working draft.

5. Counsel is also working on other appellate matters that require immediate attention, including final preparation of an initial brief in a federal qualified and legislative immunity appeal in *Fuller v. Commissioner Carollo*, 11th Circuit Case No. 21-11746-CC, due August 24, 2021. Other matters on counsel's docket include final preparation for a bar grievance trial scheduled on August 30, 2021, and other appellate and trial preparation deadlines.

6. This requested extension will advance the cause of justice, will not unduly delay resolution of this case, and will serve the interests of this Court in receiving a comprehensive discussion of the facts and legal authority at issue on appeal.

7. For these reasons, respondent asks for an extension of thirty (30) days until September 22, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

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