

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

**THE FLORIDA BAR,
Complainant,**

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

v.

**SCOT STREMS,
Respondent.**

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

Respondent Scot Stremms seeks a further (and final) extension of time to serve his answer brief until Monday, October 4, 2021. This request was unexpected but prompted by personal family issues arising from counsel's caretaking responsibilities for counsel's father-in-law as is discussed below. 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 September 27, 2021, the result of approvals by this Court of requested extensions of time.

2. When the most recent five-day extension was approved by the Court, respondent's counsel reasonably anticipated being able to finalize the working brief for filing by today, September 27, 2021.

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However, counsel did not realize at the time that counsel's caretaking obligations for counsel's father-in-law over the past week would result in an inadequate amount of time to attend to the completion of this Answer Brief. Specifically, undersigned counsel and spouse are primary caretakers for counsel's nonagenarian parents-in-law. While other family members assist as available, counsel and spouse have undertaken these responsibilities during the entire time of the Covid pandemic, including through the present time. During the past week, counsel has been largely occupied with attending to some issues involving counsel's 99-year-old father-in-law, who is otherwise healthy. But taking everyday steps to avoid any Covid exposure sometimes increases the responsibilities on undersigned counsel. This past week was one of those periods, resulting in counsel having very limited time to attend to drafting and briefing obligations in this and other cases. Undersigned counsel is arranging for another family member to fill in for counsel over the next several days, thereby enabling counsel to focus on completing this brief and several other priority matters now backlogged from the past week.

3. Counsel carefully adhered to this Court's notice that additional extensions are not favored and endeavored to complete the

Answer Brief without unnecessary delay. The requested additional extension arose because of counsel taking care of family matters that were not expected to prevent counsel from completing the brief. This last extension will enable counsel to focus on the responsibilities of completing the brief.

4. Accordingly, respondent requests this additional and final extension until Monday, October 4, 2021.

5. Counsel for The Florida Bar, Chris Altenbernd, does not oppose this requested extension.

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.

Respectfully submitted,

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