

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

**THE FLORIDA BAR,
Complainant,**

v.

**SCOT STREMS,
Respondent.**

**Supreme Court Case
No. SC20-842**

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

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RESPONDENT'S REQUEST FOR ORAL ARGUMENT

Respondent Scot Strems, pursuant to Fla. R. App. P. 9.320 and Rule 3-7.7(c)(4) of the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar, requests oral argument. The issues presented in this appeal raise important questions of a lawyer's responsibility when providing representation to an insured in a dispute with an insurance carrier. The Bar's challenge to how a lawyer represents the client's interests while negotiating for the insurance company's payment of fees under a fee-shifting statutory provision is a critical question in this case with statewide impact for all plaintiff's first party property insurance cases. Oral argument will assist the resolution of these important questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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