

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

HONORABLE GERALDINE F. THOMPSON,
in her Official Capacity as a
Representative for District 44
in the Florida House of
Representatives, and as an
Individual,

CASE NO. SC20-985

Petitioner,

vs.

HONORABLE RON DESANTIS, in his
Official Capacity of Governor
of Florida, and DANIEL E. NORDBY,
in his Official Capacity as Chair
of the Florida Supreme Court
Nominating Commission,

Respondents.

MOTION TO ACCEPT ENLARGED REPLY

The Petitioner, the HONORABLE GERALDINE F. THOMPSON, through her undersigned attorneys, and pursuant to Fla. R. App. P. 9.330, moves this Court to accept the 22-page Reply to the Responses of Governor DeSantis and the Supreme Court Judicial Nominating Commission filed contemporaneously with this motion. In support, the Petitioner asserts the following:

1. Pursuant to Fla. R. App. P. 9.100(k), a Reply is generally limited to 15 pages.

2. However, pursuant to Fla. R. App. P. 9.210(a)(5)(E), this Court has the authority to permit longer briefs.

3. Here, this Court should permit the Petitioner to file a 22 page Reply because the Petitioner is replying to two separate responses that both include numerous legal arguments. The

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Governor's Response is 47 pages and the JNC's Response is 27 pages.

4. Given the fact that there are two lengthy responses to reply to, it is reasonable for the Petitioner to file an enlarged Reply.

5. The Petitioner has limited her Reply to relevant issues that were addressed by the Respondents.

6. Finally, in her original Petition, the Petitioner did not use the entire 50 pages permitted by the rules, but only filed a petition which included the 27 pages necessary to make her arguments.

7. Undersigned counsel has contacted Daniel Nordby, Attorney for the JNC, who has indicated that he has no objection to the Court accepting the Petitioner's enlarged Reply.

8. Undesignated counsel has also contacted Joseph W. Jacquot, Attorney for Governor DeSantis, who indicates that he takes no position on the Court accepting the Petitioner's enlarged Reply.

WHEREFORE, the Petitioner, the HONORABLE GERALDINE F. THOMPSON, respectfully requests that this Honorable Court enter an Order accepting her 22-page Reply in this case.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of this motion has been furnished by e-service to Joseph W. Jacquot, General Counsel, Executive Office of the Governor, joe.jacquot@eog.myflorida.com, counsel for Respondent Ron DeSantis, and to Respondent Daniel Nordby, in his

official capacity as Chair of Respondent Florida Supreme Court
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