

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA
Case No.: SC21-284

IN RE: AMENDMENT TO RULE
REGULATING THE FLORIDA BAR 6-10.3

MOTION FOR 30-DAY EXTENSION OF TIME
FOR ALL PARTIES TO SUBMIT COMMENTS

The deadline to submit comments is currently June 29, 2021. This motion asks that the deadline for all comments be extended until July 29, 2021.

The impetus for the Court's *sua sponte* amendment to rule 6-10.3(d) of the Rules Regulating the Florida Bar was the Business Law Section ("BLS") of the Florida Bar's adoption of a policy regulating the composition of faculty at section-sponsored continuing legal education programs. The BLS intends to comment on the proposed rule but needs additional time to do so in compliance with Florida Bar governance procedures.

The BLS is a Section of the Florida Bar comprising approximately 4,500 members who focus their practice in areas of business law and policy. The BLS serves the Bar and the business community by, among other things, using its members' expertise to produce sophisticated CLE (continuing legal education) programs on

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the panoply of issues faced by business law practitioners in Florida. During the Florida Bar Annual Convention June 9-12, 2021, the BLS held its first meeting since the Court published the proposed rule. Numerous committees and groups within the BLS discussed the history of the BLS policy that sparked this Court's rule change. These discussions culminated in the BLS Executive Council voting on June 11, 2021, to prepare a comment to explain the history and development of BLS's diversity policy, the importance of that policy, Constitutional issues raised, as well as potential amendments to that policy. The BLS believes that this critical background will provide important context to the Court in assessing possible future amendment to Rule 6-10.3(d).

In light of the importance of the history and explanation for BLS's policy, BLS requests an additional 30-day period in which to prepare and submit its comments concerning the proposed rule. The additional time is necessary to ensure that the comments most thoroughly address the Court's concerns, while also complying with Florida Bar Standing Board Policies, which require any section of the Florida Bar seeking to comment on rulemaking to provide ten days' notice and a complete copy of the final comment to the Bar's

executive director prior to filing. Fla. Bar. Standing Board Policy 8.20 (Jan 31. 2020). The additional time is also necessary to ensure the proposed comment is properly vetted pursuant to the BLS bylaws prior to submission to the Bar and Court.

Therefore, BLS respectfully requests the Court extend the deadline by thirty days, until July 29, 2021, for all comments.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing notice was filed with Clerk of Court on June 14, 2021, via the Florida Courts E-Filing Portal, which will serve a notice of electronic filing to all counsel of record.

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