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The Supreme Court of Florida

RE: IN RE: AMENDMENT TO RULE REGULATING THE FLORIDA BAR 6-10.3.
SC21-284

Dear Honorable Justices:

I fully agree that those who are compelling diverse participation in order in order to have their CLE approved are at least misguided. But the court's remedy is broader than its jurisdiction. The Court is presumably interested in CLE that will improve the practice of law within Florida: that can be the only justifiable reason for compelling the state's attorneys to spend their time and funds to take them. While I agree that the Court has the legal and moral obligation to prevent discrimination within the State of Florida, it seems to me that NOT extending that prohibition to CLE's approved in other jurisdiction gives the court the chance to compare quality to the extent it chooses to do so of CLE produced under different conditions, and allows practitioners continued access to CLE that they find helpful to their own practice. I hope you modify your order to govern only the CLE delivered within FL originally, and to stop any attempts by the FL Bar to move in the direction of compelled diversity cle participation. And I also hope that the Court will find a way to incentivize inclusion of attorneys with diverse backgrounds in CLE (are they now statistically participating consistent with their bar membership numbers, and length/type of practice?).

Sincerely,
/S/Rosemary N. Palmer

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