IN THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER A-2021-017

APPOINTMENT OF THE HONORABLE KIM HERNANDEZ BRENNAN AS REFEREE IN BAR DISCIPLINARY ACTION

The Chief Justice of the Florida Supreme Court has designated the chief judge of this circuit to appoint a referee to preside in a disciplinary action brought by The Florida Bar under Chapter 3 of the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar. By the power vested in the chief judge under Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.215(b)(2), the Honorable Kim Hernandez Brennan is appointed as referee in the matter of: The Florida Bar v. Douglas James Barnard, Supreme Court Case Number SC21-308.

The Honorable Kim Hernandez Brennan, as referee, is vested with all the powers and prerogatives conferred by the Constitution, laws of the State of Florida, and the Rules Regulating the Florida Bar, concerning a referee for the Supreme Court of Florida in this matter.

Online resources are available for judges serving as referees in proceedings involving disciplinary action against attorneys, and the unlicensed practice of law. The resources offered at http://www.flcourts.org/gen_public/courted/bar-referee.shtml provide detailed information on the role of a Bar Referee in each of these proceedings and should be reviewed prior to handling this case.

It is ORDERED in Tampa, Hillsborough County, Florida, on this March, 2021.

Ronald N. Ficarrotta, Chief Judge

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