

BEFORE THE JUDICIAL QUALIFICATIONS COMMISSION  
STATE OF FLORIDA

INQUIRY CONCERNING JUDGE,

SC21-546

MARNI A. BRYSON, NO. 19-201

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**ORDER SCHEDULING FINAL HEARING  
AND PREHEARING DEADLINES**

A Final Evidentiary Hearing before the Florida Judicial Qualifications Commission (FJQC) Hearing Panel is scheduled to commence at 9:00 A.M., Monday, November 15, 2021, and will be held in a courtroom (to be designated) in the West Palm Beach County Courthouse, 205 N. Dixie Highway, West Palm Beach, FL. The members of the Hearing Panel are: (1) Hon. Kevin Emas (Chair); (2) Hon. Joseph M. Williams; (3) Michael J. Higer, Esq.; (4) John P. Cardillo, Esq. (ad hoc); (5) Harry Duncanson (lay member) and (6) Susan Stafford (lay member). The final hearing is estimated to take 4 days.

1. Special counsel's witness list is due June 25, 2021.
2. The respondent judge's witness list is due July 9, 2021.
3. Special counsel's exhibit list is due August 6, 2021.
4. The respondent judge's exhibit list is due August 20, 2021.

5. The parties shall exchange exhibits no later than August 27, 2021.

6. The discovery cutoff date (inclusive of depositions and exhibits) is September 24, 2021.

7. Amendments, if any, to the Formal Charges must be filed no later than September 30, 2021.

8. Any pretrial motions must be served no later than October 1, 2021. Responses to motions must be served no later than October 11, 2021, and replies must be served no later than October 15, 2021.

9. A telephonic pretrial status conference is hereby set for October 18, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. The call in number is 1-888-585-9008. Access Conference Code is 600-228-117#. A court reporter will be provided by Special Counsel.

10. Stipulations - The parties are encouraged to stipulate to as many facts and exhibits as possible.

11. Exhibit books - The parties shall jointly prepare exhibit books, with indices. Any objections to proposed exhibits shall be set forth with specificity. Copies of the indices, exhibits and objections shall be e-served no later than November 8, 2021. Seven copies of the exhibit books shall be provided to the Hearing Panel on November 15, 2021 (before the Final Hearing commences).

12. Policy on limitation of character witnesses - Pursuant to the general policy of the Hearing Panel, the respondent Judge will be limited to a total of three live character witnesses. In addition to these witnesses, affidavits of character from others may be e-served by the Judge no later than November 8, 2021, for consideration by the Hearing Panel. Copies of these affidavits should be provided in the Respondent Judge's Exhibit Books.

Done and Ordered this 8th day of June, 2021.

By: /s/ Kevin Emas  
Hon. Kevin Emas (Chair)  
FJQC HEARING PANEL CHAIR  
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was electronically filed with the Clerk of the Court using the Florida Courts E-Filing Portal and served upon all interested parties via electronic service generated by the e-Portal system on this 8th day of June, 2021 to:

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