

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

IN RE: PETITION FOR APPROVAL
OF REVISIONS TO SIMPLIFIED
FORMS PURSUANT TO CASE NO.
RULE 10-2.1(a) OF THE RULES
REGULATING THE FLORIDA BAR

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The Board of Governors of The Florida Bar hereby petitions the Supreme Court of Florida, pursuant to Rule 10-2.1(a) of the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar for approval of revisions to the following simplified forms and in support thereof says:

1. Rule 10-2.1(a) of the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar allows "nonlawyers to engage in limited oral communications to assist individuals in the completion of legal forms approved by the Supreme Court of Florida." Pursuant to the rule, oral communication between the nonlawyer and the individual being assisted is restricted to those communications reasonably necessary to elicit factual information to complete the blanks in the forms.

2. Rule 10-2.1(a) was adopted in 1987 as a way to provide better access to the courts while continuing to protect the public from being advised in legal matters by unqualified persons. In

furtherance of that goal The Florida Bar has developed, and this court has approved, simplified forms for use by nonlawyers pursuant to Rule 10-2.1(a). Most of the approved simplified forms are in the area of family law. However, simplified landlord/tenant forms, residential leases and miscellaneous forms have also been approved.

3. Recently, revisions were proposed to several Court-approved simplified forms by the Standing Committee on Simplified Forms. The Board of Governors of The Florida Bar has voted to submit revisions to three simplified forms to the Court for review and approval. The forms are:

- a. Eviction Summons-Residential
- b. Final Judgment-Damages
- c. Residential Lease For Single Family Home and Duplex
(For a Term Not To Exceed One Year)

4. A copy of the three forms requiring revision is attached as an appendix to this petition.

5. In addition to revising three simplified forms, the Standing Committee on Simplified Forms has updated the instructions accompanying the landlord/tenant forms and the satisfaction of judgment forms. Although these instructions are not submitted to the Court for approval, the revised instructions have been attached as an appendix to this petition for the convenience of the Court.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays as follows:

1. That this court approve the aforementioned changes to the Eviction Summons-Residential simplified form, the Final Judgment-Damages simplified form and the Residential Lease For Single Family Home and Duplex simplified form.

Respectfully submitted,

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