

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

IN RE: AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES CASE NO. SC19-1335
REGULATING THE FLORIDA BAR
1-3.2 MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATIONS

THE FLORIDA BAR'S RESPONSE

The Florida Bar (the bar) respectfully requests that this Court allow the bar to file a response to the Florida Bar member-initiated petition in this case. As grounds, the bar states as follows:

This response was authorized by the bar's Board of Governors.

On April 9, 2019, Florida Bar member Matthew Dietz gave notice to The Florida Bar of his intent to file a petition on behalf of 50 Florida Bar members to request that this Court amend subdivision (b) of rule 1-3.2, as authorized by rule 1-12.1(f), Rules Regulating The Florida Bar. Mr. Dietz provided an amended notice of intent on April 15, 2019. The issue was referred to the Disciplinary Procedures Committee, which is the committee of the bar's Board of Governors that reviews amendments to Rules Regulating The Florida Bar related to bar discipline. The Disciplinary Procedures Committee met on April 24, 2019 to discuss Mr. Dietz' proposed amendments with Mr. Dietz.

The Disciplinary Procedures Committee voted 7-0 on April 24, 2019, to recommend that the Board of Governors respond to the petition by recommending that subdivision (b) be deleted in its entirety for the following reasons:

- the admission process occurs before conditional admittees become Florida Bar members;
- The Florida Bar is not involved in the conditional admission process; and

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- any current or future inconsistencies between Rules of the Supreme Court Relating to Admissions to The Bar and Rules Regulating The Florida Bar would be eliminated.

Mr. Dietz then sent a second revised notice of intent on May 6, 2019, amending his proposal to delete subdivision (b) of rule 1-3.2 in its entirety and add new rule 3-4.8 to address consent judgments related to conditional admissions. The Disciplinary Procedures Committee voted 4-0 on May 23, 2019, to recommend the Board of Governors support the revised proposed amendments when filed. The Board of Governors approved the recommendation by unanimous voice vote on May 24, 2019.

The bar does not seek oral argument regarding these amendments unless this Court orders oral argument or bar members file comments that require additional response or appearance by the bar.

The bar requests that this Court accept the bar's response supporting the petition.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of this motion has been sent by e-mail to Mr. Matthew Dietz (mdietz@justDIGit.org) on this 23rd day of August, 2019.

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