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March 3, 2022

Mr. Joshua E. Doyle  
Executive Director  
The Florida Bar  
651 East Jefferson Street  
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Dear Mr. Doyle:

At the direction of the Court, I am writing you to request that The Florida Bar provide alternative proposals for “how the rules governing the practice of law in Florida may be revised to improve the delivery of legal services to Florida’s consumers and to assure Florida lawyers play a proper and prominent role in the provision of these services.” *Final Report of the Special Comm. to Improve the Delivery of Legal Serv.*, app. A (2021) (on file with Clerk, Fla. Sup. Ct.).

As you know, the Special Committee to Improve the Delivery of Legal Services submitted a final report recommending in concept changes to the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar in order to facilitate greater access to legal services in Florida. The Court intends to adopt the Special Committee’s recommendation to “[amend] the rules to permit not-for-profit legal service providers to organize as a corporation and to permit nonlawyers to serve on the not-for-profit legal service provider’s board of directors.” *Id.* at 9-10.

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The Court does not intend to adopt the Special Committee's other recommendations.

The Court, however, remains committed to ensuring that the rules governing the practice of law not only enforce appropriate ethical standards among Florida lawyers, but also meet the needs of Floridians for timely and affordable legal services. It therefore requests that The Florida Bar provide alternative proposals to "improve the delivery of legal services to Florida's consumers and . . . assure Florida lawyers play a proper and prominent role in the provision of these services." *Id.* at app. A.

Please file your petition or report with my office by Friday, December 30, 2022. If you should determine that more time is required to consider this matter, please submit a request for extension of time with my office indicating when your petition or report can be filed.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this matter, and please do not hesitate to contact me or the Court's liaison to the Bar, Chief Justice Canady, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



John A. Tomasino

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cc: Chief Justice Charles T. Canady, Liaison to The Florida Bar  
Diane West, Director of Central Staff, Florida Supreme Court