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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF OHIO

Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association :
Relator :
: :
v. : **Case No. 2010-0693**
: :
Rita Johnson :
Respondent, :

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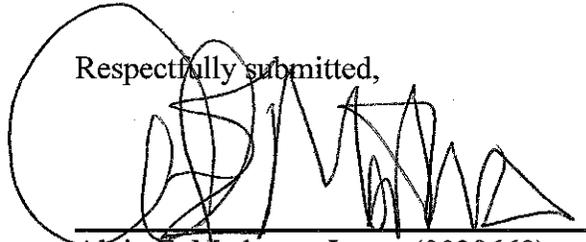
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Now comes Alvin E. Mathews, Jr., counsel of record for Respondent, and hereby moves to withdraw as counsel for Respondent, for the reasons set forth in the attached memorandum, including that Respondent has not requested counsel's assistance in the objections filed with this court.

Respectfully submitted,



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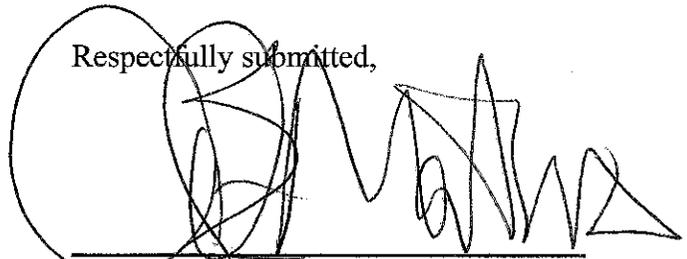
MEMORANDUM

This matter arises from a complaint filed by the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, alleging that Respondent committed professional misconduct. The undersigned represented Ms. Johnson at the evidentiary hearing held on January 15, 2010, in Columbus, Ohio before a panel of the Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline.

On April 21, 2010, the Board filed its Finding of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and recommendation. On April 28, 2010, this Court issued an Order to Show Cause related to the Court's proposed adoption of the Board's report. On May 25, 2010, Ms. Johnson filed objections to the Board's report, *pro se*.

As Respondent has not requested counsel's assistance in the proceedings before this Court, counsel respectfully urges the Court to permit him to withdraw as counsel, permitting Respondent to represent herself in the July 6, 2010, oral argument proceedings before this Court.

Respectfully submitted,

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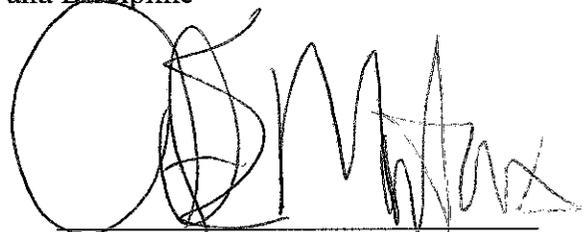
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing *Motion to Withdraw as Counsel*, was served, by Regular U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, this 18th day of June 2010, upon the following:

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