

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF OHIO

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Respondent.

CASE NO. 2016-0261

RELATOR'S MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE OF ORAL ARGUMENT

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Relator, Office of Disciplinary Counsel, respectfully requests that this Honorable Court continue the oral argument in the above-referenced proceeding that is scheduled for tomorrow, July 12, 2016. This request is based upon the unexpected death early this morning (July 11, 2016) of the father of Assistant Disciplinary Counsel Catherine M. Russo (“ADC Russo”), who is counsel of record in this matter.

ADC Russo has been assigned to the above-referenced matter since relator received the first of the underlying grievances against respondent Benjamin Joltin (“respondent”) and commenced its investigation in September 2013. ADC Russo represented relator before the Board of Professional Conduct (“the Board”) and prepared relator’s Objections to the Board’s Report and Recommendation that were filed on March 29, 2016. ADC Russo is the only

attorney in relator's office who is thoroughly familiar with the record in this proceeding and she has diligently prepared for the scheduled oral argument.

When I arrived at work at 8:00 a.m. this morning, I received an email from ADC Russo advising me that her father, who lived in Lakeview (Logan County), Ohio had died unexpectedly early this morning. Understandably, it is Ms. Russo's strong desire to be with her family in Logan County for the next several days.

I spoke this morning with Tracey A. Laslo, Esq., counsel for respondent, to apprise her of the death of Ms. Russo's father. Ms. Laslo stated that, in light of these tragic circumstances, she has absolutely no objection to a continuance of the oral argument in this proceeding.

Based upon the foregoing, relator respectfully requests that the oral argument scheduled for July 12, 2016 be continued to the next available date in August 2016.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing **RELATOR'S MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE OF ORAL ARGUMENT** was hand-delivered to Richard A. Dove, Esq., Director, Board of Professional Conduct, 65 South Front Street, 5th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215; and was e-mailed to respondent's counsel, Tracey A. Laslo, Esq. at traceylpa@msn.com this 11th day of July, 2016.



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