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IN RE:
JUDGE SCOTT DICLAUDIO
FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT
PHILADELPHIA COMPLAINT

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: **PENNSYLVANIA COURT OF**
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MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE ANSWER

Judge Scott DiClaudio ("Judge DiClaudio"), by and through his attorney, Michael T. van der Veen, hereby submits this Motion for Extension of Time to File Answer. In support thereof, Judge DiClaudio represents the following:

1. On or about September 9, 2025, the Judicial Conduct Board of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania ("the Board") filed a Complaint charging Respondent with various violations of the Rules of the Code of Judicial Conduct and the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
2. On that same day, the Board also filed a Petition for Relief for Interim Suspension Without Pay ("Petition").
3. Respondent filed an Omnibus Motion in lieu of an Answer to The Board's Complaint and in response to the Petition.
4. On the afternoon of October 3, 2025, this Honorable Court granted, in part, Respondent's Omnibus Motion.

5. As such, and pursuant to Pennsylvania Court of Judicial Discipline Rule 413¹, Respondent's Answer to the Board's Complaint is due on October 23, 2025².

6. The allegations pertained in the Board's complaint are serious and require Respondent to answer the Complaint.

7. Respondent is still awaiting discovery from the Board.

8. Respondent cannot respond to the allegations in the complaint without having all necessary information.

9. Further, the Board filed a Petition for Interim Suspension that required a full day hearing in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Because of this, Respondent's time and attention was focused on preparing for the aforementioned hearing.

10. Respondent has not had adequate time to respond to the Board's Complaint.

11. Further, during the Hearing on the Board's Petition for Interim Suspension, additional information, including potential witnesses, was revealed during testimony, none of which was highlighted in the Complaint. This material needs to be investigated by Respondent prior to filing an Answer.

12. As such, Respondent is respectfully requesting a 60 day extension to file a response to the Board's Formal Complaint.

¹ "Within 30 days after the service of a Board Complaint, if no omnibus motion is filed, or within 20 days after the dismissal of all or part of the omnibus motion, the Judicial Officer may file an answer admitting or denying the allegations contained in the Board Complaint. Failure to file an answer shall be deemed a denial of all factual allegations contained in the Board Complaint. Unless otherwise ordered by the Court, no additional pleading will be accepted." PA ST CT J DISC P Rule 413.

² In an abundance of caution, Respondent is operating under the belief that Respondent's Answer is due 20 days after the ruling on his first Omnibus Motion, and not Respondent's Second Omnibus Motion.

13. Respondent will be extremely prejudiced if he is not granted an extension to respond to the Board's complaint.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, this Honorable Court should enter an Order Extending the time for Respondent to file an Answer to the Board's Complaint for 60 days.

Respectfully submitted,

**VAN DER VEEN, HARTSHORN,
LEVIN & LINDHEIM**

Date: October 20, 2025

BY: */s/ Michael T. van der Veen*
Michael T. van der Veen, Esquire
Attorney for Respondent

VERIFICATION

I, Michael T. van der Veen, Esquire, verify that the statements made in the foregoing motion are true and correct. I understand that the statements herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. Cons. Stat. Ann. § 4904, relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

Respectfully submitted,

**VAN DER VEEN, HARTSHORN,
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Date: October 20, 2025

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CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

I, Michael T. van der Veen, Esquire, certify that this filing complies with the provisions of the *Case Records Public Access Policy of the Unified Judicial System of Pennsylvania* that require filing confidential information and documents differently than non-confidential information and documents.

Respectfully submitted,

**VAN DER VEEN, HARTSHORN,
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Date: October 20, 2025

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Michael T. van der Veen, hereby certify a copy of this Motion was sent electronically,
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AND NOW, this _____ day of _____, 2025, upon consideration of Respondent's Motion for Extension of Time to File Answer, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

BY THE COURT:

J.