

STATE OF VERMONT
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY BOARD

In re: Stuart Jay Robinson, Esq.
PRB File No. 2020-007

AMENDED SCHEDULING ORDER

The Petition of Misconduct in this matter was filed in December 2020. On or about March 11, 2021 the parties jointly moved to extend the deadlines in the current Scheduling Order, based in part on Respondent’s recent retention of counsel. In their motion the parties also propose that the merits hearing be scheduled in September 2021 to avoid “personal and professional” scheduling conflicts in July and August. The motion to extend is granted in part and denied in part, and the scheduling order is hereby superseded by the following Amended Scheduling Order:¹

1. If the parties have not yet exchanged the names of all persons having knowledge of relevant facts and/or of witnesses, they shall do so no later than **April 15, 2021**. Any remaining requests for production of documents shall be served no later than **April 30, 2021** and responses shall be filed no later than **June 1, 2021**. Any further depositions shall be completed no later than **July 1, 2021**.

2. All discovery shall be completed no later than **July 1, 2021**.

3. On or before **July 9, 2021**, the parties shall (a) jointly, or separately, file an estimate of the time needed for the merits hearing and a list of five (5) dates in September 2021

¹ Under Administrative Order 9, Rule 15(B)(1), the parties were required to exchange the names and addresses of all persons having knowledge of relevant facts and/or witnesses within 20 days following the filing of Respondent’s answer to the Petition of Misconduct. Respondent’s response to the Petition was filed on or about December 30, 2020. Accordingly, those disclosures should already have been completed. Rule 15(B) provides for depositions to be completed and for the parties to comply with “reasonable requests for production” within 60 days following the filing of Respondent’s Answer. These provisions suggest that discovery is expected to be completed expeditiously in lawyer disciplinary proceedings. Nevertheless, the Panel will in its discretion allow some additional time for completion of discovery, consistent with the need to render a prompt decision on the merits of the charge in this matter.

when the merits hearing may be scheduled; and (b) file any objection to the hearing panel conducting the merits hearing in this matter remotely by video conferencing, together with a legal memorandum setting forth the grounds for the objection.

4. Any and all pre-hearing motions and supporting memoranda, including any motions in limine, shall be filed no later than **August 2, 2021**.

5. On or before **August 16, 2021** each party shall file: (a) a witness list identifying each witness the party anticipates calling to testify during the merits hearing, along with a brief summary of the witness's anticipated testimony, and an estimate of the amount of time that will be needed for direct examination of the witness; and (b) a list identifying each exhibit the party anticipates presenting at the merits hearing, together with a representation as to whether or not the opposing party stipulates to either authenticity or admissibility of the exhibit or both.

Dated: March 18, 2021

Hearing Panel No. 6

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