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Hello Merrick,

This is a public document.

Pursuant to the Amended Scheduling Order of March 18, 2021 we offer the following:

The Order states that: "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 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."

I have conferred with Attorney Gagnon and the hearing panel is aware, there are several stipulated/unopposed pending motions. 1) *Stipulated Motion to Amend Scheduling Order and For Extension of Time to Respond to New Charges (File No. 2021-099)* dated June 8, 2021; 2) *Motion to Withdraw* based on irreconcilable differences filed by Attorney Gagnon dated June 29, 2021; and 3) *Unopposed Motion of Extension of Time* filed by Attorney Gagnon dated July 6, 2021. Therefore, Attorney Gagnon has informed me that he is not in a position to agree to anything as the result of the irreconcilable differences with his Client. I understand that Attorney Gagnon is in a difficult position and do not fault him in the least for being unable to respond.

I do not expect that the hearing will occur in September, but if for some reason it does, I am available on the following dates: September 21, 22, 23, 28, 29 and 30. I would expect that the hearing could be completed in an 8 hour day. If the day is less than 8 hours of hearing time, then I expect it would take a day and a half. The State's case should take 4-5 hours. I have no idea how long the Respondent would need or request. Consistent with the new Judiciary guidelines, I would request that if possible the hearing occur **in person**. I am fully vaccinated and am prepared to present proof thereof.

I have no objections to the hearing panel.

Please bring this compliance document to the attention of the hearing panel.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Very truly yours,

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