

IN THE
SUPREME COURT OF ILLINOIS

In the Matter of:)	
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JOHN PATRICK MESSINA,)	Supreme Court No. M.R. 28368
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Respondent-Appellant)	Commission No. 2014-PR-00002
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Attorney No. 1892622)	
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**RESPONDENT'S ANSWER TO ADMINISTRATOR'S PETITION
FOR LEAVE TO FILE EXCEPTIONS**

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Respondent, John P. Messina, *pro se*, for his answer to the Administrator’s Petition for Leave to File Exceptions, states as follows:

1. On September 23, 2016, the Review Board issued the Report that is the subject of this proceeding. Thirty-four days later (October 27, 2016), the Administrator filed a 38-page petition asking this Court for leave to file exceptions to the Review Board Report. The next day (October 28, 2016), Respondent timely filed a six-page petition that also asked this Court for leave to file exceptions to the Review Board Report.

2. If either of the petitions filed by the Administrator and Respondent is accepted, “[e]ither party may assert error in any ruling, action, conclusion or recommendation of the Review Board.” Sup. Ct. Rule 753(e)(5).

3. Considering that both the Administrator and Respondent have identified issues that, they argue, deserve to be reviewed by this Court, Respondent respectfully submits that this Court should: (a) grant both the Administrator’s petition and Respondent’s petition; (b) consolidate the proceedings on the Administrator’s petition with the proceedings on

Respondent's petition; (c) designate Respondent as the appellee and cross-appellant in the consolidated proceedings; and (d) set a briefing schedule in accordance with the timetable set forth in Sup. Ct. Rule 343(b).

WHEREFORE, Respondent prays for entry of an order granting the relief described in ¶3, above.

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