

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

MIAMI DIVISION

CASE NO. 07-21256-CIV-JORDAN

JOHN B. THOMPSON)
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 Plaintiff)
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 vs.)
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 THE FLORIDA BAR, et al)
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 Defendants)
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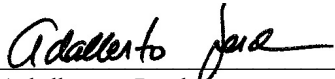
ORDER

Mr. Thompson's motion for clarification [D.E. 155] is GRANTED IN PART as follows:

1. Mr. Thompson wants to know why I ruled on the show cause order before October 5, 2007, the deadline I originally set for his response to be filed. The reason is very simple. Mr. Thompson filed 14 responses to the show cause order before the due date set in my order. When a party responds before the due date, it is perfectly appropriate for the court to rule.

2. Mr. Thompson also wants to know why I have set a hearing on the order to show cause if I have already referred him to the court's Ad Hoc Committee. I am doing this so that Mr. Thompson can be fully heard on this matter before the Ad Hoc Committee acts on my referral in any substantive way. By this order, I am staying my prior order of referral to the Ad Hoc Committee. Once Mr. Thompson has presented his arguments at the upcoming hearing, I will decide whether the referral should be vacated, modified, or left intact.¹

DONE and ORDERED in chambers in Miami, Florida, this 5th day of October, 2007.



Adalberto Jordan
United States District Judge

Copy to: All counsel of record
Sam Danon, Esq. Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on Attorney Admissions, Peer
Review, and Attorney Grievance

¹ Of course, if Mr. Thompson does not wish to present any further arguments at the hearing in connection with the show cause order, he can let me know at the hearing.