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**STATE OF FLORIDA
FIRST DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL**

REPRESENTATIVE LARRY METZ;
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE RICHARD
CORCORAN, ON BEHALF OF THE
HOUSE PUBLIC INTEGRITY AND
ETHICS COMMITTEE,

**CASE NO.: 1D18-0687
L.T. No. 2017-CA-2284,
2017-CA-2368**

Appellants,

v.

MAT MEDIA, LLC AND CHARLES
“PAT” ROBERTS,

Appellees.

**UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR
EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE ANSWER BRIEF**

Pursuant to Florida Rule of Appellate Procedure 9.300(a), Appellees move for an extension of time through January 15, 2019, to serve Appellees’ Answer Brief. In support of this motion, Appellees state:

1. Appellants have appealed to this Court an Order on Final Evidentiary Hearing and Final Judgment entered in the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Leon County, Florida on February 14, 2018. Appellants filed their Notice of Appeal on February 14, 2018. Appellants’ Initial Brief was subsequently filed on August 31, 2018.

2. Currently, the Answer Brief is due to be served on December 21, 2018. Appellee's undersigned counsel respectfully requests an extension of time through January 15, 2019, to file the Answer Brief. Counsel for Appellants and Appellee previously agreed to and filed Notice of three extensions of time to file the Answer Brief in this matter. This, however, is Appellee's first motion for extension of time to file the Answer Brief.

3. Appellee's counsel practices primarily in the areas of election and ethics law. Due to the 2018 mid-term election, the undersigned counsel has been continuously engaged in a series of matters relating to candidate qualification, constitutional amendment challenges, recounts, election contests, and similarly related matters over the last several months. The undersigned counsel has also carried his usual case load of ethics matters and other civil litigation. All such matters have been particularly active over the last several months and have dominated the undersigned counsel's time. As a result, the undersigned counsel respectfully requests an extension through January 15, 2019, to enable the undersigned to attend to the press of other matters and devote appropriate time to the drafting and filing of the Answer Brief.

4. Pursuant to Rule 9.300(a), Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure, undersigned counsel has consulted opposing counsel and is authorized to represent that opposing counsel does not oppose the relief sought herein.

WHEREFORE, Appellees respectfully request that this Court grant this Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time to File Answer Brief, so that the Answer Brief will be filed and served no later than January 15, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

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