

**STATE OF VERMONT
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY PROGRAM**

In Re Thomas Melone

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PRB No. 120-2025

RESPONDENT’S MOTION FOR CLARIFICATION

Respondent, Thomas Melone, respectfully requests clarification regarding applicable deadlines. On November 6, 2025, the Hearing Panel issued an order setting a deadline of five business days after the entry date of the November 6, 2025, order for filing an answer to the Petition for Misconduct filed on September 26, 2025 (the “Complaint”), against Thomas Melone (the “Respondent”).¹ As a result of November 11, 2025, being a holiday in Vermont, the deadline for filing an answer would have been November 14, 2025, under the November 6 order. In reliance on the November 6, 2025, order, the Respondent spent most of the November 6-10th updating his answer. On November 10, 2025, the hearing panel vacated the extension order.

Respondent has filed a motion to dismiss and a motion for a more definite statement. Mr. Hanley filed opposition to those motions dated November 4, 2025, with a certificate of service dated November 6, 2025. Under V.R.C.P 7(b)(4), Respondent is entitled to file a reply to Mr. Hanley’s opposition within 14 days of November 6, 2025, *i.e.*, by November 20, 2025.

Under V.R.C.P. 12(a)(3), the Respondent’s time for filing an answer is extended to no earlier than 14 days from the Hearing Panel’s ruling on the motion to dismiss and motion for a more definite statement, which has not occurred. Respondent respectfully requests that the hearing panel confirm that the above-stated times for a reply and for filing the answer are applicable to this case.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Thomas Melone
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¹ Respondent had not noticed the hearing panel regarding the Vermont Supreme Court’s dismissal of Respondent’s petition for extraordinary relief (25-AP-366) because Respondent promptly filed a motion for clarification with the Vermont Supreme Court. Depending upon the Vermont Supreme Court’s response, Respondent may renew the petition for extraordinary relief.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on November 10, 2025, I sent the attached RESPONDENT'S MOTION FOR CLARIFICATION by email to and a Certificate of Service to Merrick Grutchfield via email at: merrick.grutchfield@vtcourts.gov with a copy to Michael Hanley at mfhanley@plantehanley.com.

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