

**STATE OF VERMONT  
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY PROGRAM**

In Re Thomas Melone

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PRB No. 25-120

**RESPONDENT’S MOTION FOR ADDITIONAL TIME TO FILE ANSWER TO THE  
PETITION FOR MISCONDUCT**

Respondent THOMAS MELONE (“Respondent”) filed a motion to dismiss and a motion for a more definite statement (the “Motions”) in response to the Petition for Misconduct (the “Complaint” or “Petition”) filed by Michael Hanley against Respondent on September 26, 2025. Those Motions were denied on December 2, 2025. Under V.R.C.P. 12(a)(3), the Respondent’s time for filing an answer is thus extended to December 16, 2025.

Respondent hereby respectfully requests that the December 16, 2025, deadline to file his Answer to the Complaint be extended time until 10 days after the latest of (i) the date the Hearing Panel issues a ruling on Respondent’s motion for permission to appeal the Hearing Panel’s ruling on the Motions filed on December 15, 2025, and (ii) entry of an order from the Vermont Supreme Court disposing of the appeal of the HP Order, or the appeal of the Hearing Panel’s ruling on Respondent’s motion for permission to appeal the Hearing Panel’s ruling on the Motions and (iii) the Respondent’s motion to revise HP Order filed on December 16, 2025.

Dated: December 16, 2025

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Thomas Melone

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