

April 6, 2021

Alice Burnham
State Court Administrator's Office
Oregon Supreme Court
1163 State Street, NE
Salem, OR 97301

Re: Petition of Robert Roosevelt Parker, Jr.

Dear Ms. Burnham:

Please find the electronic filing of Robert Roosevelt Parker, Jr.'s *Petition In Re Waiver of various Rules of Admissions*. Pursuant to Rules for Admission (RFA) – Rule 4.20(2), the Oregon State Board of Bar Examiners (the Board) reviewed the petition at their meeting on March 25, 2021, and voted unanimously to recommend that the Court appoint a special master to investigate the Board's previous recommendation related to his 1990 application for admission and this Court's decision in *In re Parker*, 314 Or. 143 (1992).

Mr. Parker has requested a number of remedial waivers related to RFA's that presently would prohibit his admission to the Oregon State Bar. While the Board would normally recommend that these rules be enforced, Mr. Parker's case is entirely unique. He has alleged a number of irregularities against former Board members and the former Board's conduct in his character and review proceeding, which if true, would raise doubt in the findings and recommendations related to his prior application.

While the Board feels comfortable assessing the current character and fitness of any admission applicant, it does not feel qualified to assess the accusations of Mr.

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Parker against historical Board actions and its former members. Additionally, I am sure Mr. Parker would appreciate a truly independent investigator reviewing his allegations. Therefore, the Board recommends the Court appoint a special master with specific experience investigating alleged past wrongs by governmental institutions.

If the Court rejects Mr. Parker's petition, the Board hopes the Court will issue a statement or opinion that gives the Board some guidance on how to review future review similar petitions.

Respectfully,



Joanna Perini-Abbott

Chair, Oregon State Board of Bar Examiners

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Enclosures