

ORIGINAL PROCEEDING IN DISCIPLINE Colorado Commission on Judicial Discipline	
IN RE:  COMPLAINANT, Colorado Commission on Judicial Discipline,  and  RESPONDENT, Sean K. Murphy.	
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<b>UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR EXTENSIONS OF TIME TO RESPOND TO SHOW          CAUSE ORDER AND ANSWER COMPLAINT</b>	

Respondent, Sean K. Murphy, through his counsel, Nathan Bruggeman and David Beller of Recht Kornfeld, P.C., hereby submits this motion for extension of time to respond to the Supreme Court’s show cause order and answer the complaint, and in support states as follows:

**CERTIFICATE OF CONFERRAL**

Undersigned counsel has conferred with counsel for the Colorado Commission on Judicial Discipline (“Commission”), Jeffrey Walsh, and the Commission does not oppose this motion.

## **MOTION**

1. On October 27, 2025, the Supreme Court entered a temporary order of suspension of Judge Murphy, and it directed him to show cause as to why the temporary suspension should not remain in effect pending the resolution of disciplinary proceedings.

2. The Court's order stated that a response was due within 21 days of "receipt," but it then directed the Commission to "serve" the order.

3. On October 31, 2025, the Commission filed its complaint against Judge Murphy. In the case management order, the Adjudicative Judicial Discipline Panel ("Panel") indicated that the answer to the complaint was due 21 days after service.

4. In a subsequent request for appointment of a new panel member, undersigned counsel understands that the Panel stated that the answer is due on November 21, which is 21 days after filing of the complaint.

5. Judge Murphy has only retained counsel in this matter in the last few days.

6. Good cause exists to extend or clarify the deadlines for responding to the show cause order and the complaint.

7. It is unclear what the deadlines are for responding to the Supreme Court's show cause order and answering the complaint. Conflicting language has been used in establishing deadlines (e.g. receipt or service; filing or service), and, as the Panel noted in the case management order, the procedural rules governing these proceedings are unclear.

8. Judge Murphy has only recently retained counsel, and his counsel requires additional time to review and investigate the allegations and confer with their client regarding the response and answer.

9. Judge Murphy is only requesting modest extensions of time. He is requesting that any response to the show cause order be filed on or before November 24, 2025.<sup>1</sup> He is requesting that his answer to the complaint be filed on or before December 1, 2025.

10. No party will be prejudiced by these deadlines. Nor will establishing these as the deadlines for the response and answer materially delay the Panel's ability to hear and decide this case. Further, it is unclear at this time when a new member of the Panel will be appointed such that the Panel may not be able to take substantive steps in the case until that appointment is made.

11. This is the first request for extension of time Judge Murphy has requested.

**WHEREFORE**, Respondent respectfully requests that the Panel enter an order establishing the deadline for responding to the Supreme Court's show cause order as November 24, 2025, and for answering the Commission's complaint as December 1, 2025

Respectfully submitted this 17th day of November, 2025.

RECHT KORNFELD, P.C.

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<sup>1</sup> The Supreme Court directed that Judge Murphy file his response to the show cause order with the Panel. As such, it appears the Panel, not the Court, is the proper body to direct this request to.

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that on this 17th day of November, 2025, a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing **UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR EXTENSIONS OF TIME TO RESPOND TO SHOW CAUSE ORDER AND ANSWER COMPLAINT** was filed with the 2d Judicial District Support Staff by emailing a copy to [kenidee.bronner@judicial.state.co.us](mailto:kenidee.bronner@judicial.state.co.us) and [nikolaus.zender@judicial.state.co.us](mailto:nikolaus.zender@judicial.state.co.us), and was served on the following via email, addressed as follows:

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