



August 16, 2018

Dear Valued Client,

I am attorney Richard J. Mockler. I have been handling litigation in Florida courts for more than 16 years. I am excited about the opportunity to be your attorney in your foreclosure case.

As many of you already know, Mark Stopa has been suspended by the Florida Bar. The timing of Mr. Stopa's suspension was very much unanticipated. The Firm adopted a plan of action regarding transfer of the Firm to new management. This plan is now being implemented.

Stopa Law Firm, P.A. legally changed its name to Stay in My Home, P.A. (the "**Firm**"). The Firm and the same team of attorneys and staff will remain in place to serve you.

**Why am I receiving this?**

We have a duty to notify you of Mr. Stopa's suspension and your rights regarding the Firm's continued representation moving forward.

I joined the Firm as a Partner on June 1, 2018. As a result of the emergency suspension, Mr. Stopa immediately transferred his remaining interest in the Firm to me on July 27, 2018.

The Firm intends to continue representing you in your case.

**What do I need to do if I want to continue as a client?**

If you wish to continue your relationship with the Firm, please read the attached Stipulation, sign the page titled "**Client Consent**," and return it to us within 10 days as follows: (i) by email to [help@stayinmyhome.com](mailto:help@stayinmyhome.com); or (ii) by U.S. mail to P.O. Box 1371, St. Petersburg, Florida 33731.

**MAILING ADDRESS**  
Post Office Box 1371  
St. Petersburg, FL 33731

**Telephone**  
(727) 851-9551

If you do not know your case number or other information, we will fill out that information on your behalf. If you have multiple cases, we will presume you intend to keep us on all cases unless you indicate otherwise in writing.

We will submit the Stipulation to the Court for approval.

**If I do not want to continue as a client, what do I do?**

If you no longer wish for the Firm to represent you in your case, you have the right to terminate your relationship with the Firm. Please advise us by email that you object to our continued representation, and we will prepare a motion to withdraw for your case. You may need to retain new counsel to appear in the case on your behalf.

**What if I do nothing?**

Please note that your consent to the continued representation will be presumed if you do not respond within 30 days, but the Firm reserves the right to file a motion to withdraw in your case if we do not hear from you at all.

**What documents are included with this letter?**

- (1) Order of the Florida Supreme Court suspending Mark Stopa; and
- (2) Stipulation to keep the Firm.

The Firm would be honored to continue to represent you in your foreclosure action, and we look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

**STAY IN MY HOME, PA**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. J. Mockler', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Richard J. Mockler

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# Supreme Court of Florida

FRIDAY, JULY 27, 2018

CASE NO.: SC18-1197

Lower Tribunal No(s).:

2017-10,076 (6B)(HES); 2018-10,237 (6B); 2018-10,408 (6B);  
2018-10,489 (6B); 2018-10,715 (6B); 2019-10,001 (6B)

THE FLORIDA BAR

vs.

MARK P. STOPA

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Petitioner(s)

Respondent(s)

The Petition for Emergency Suspension filed pursuant to Rule 3-5.2 of the Rules Regulating the Florida Bar is approved and it is hereby ordered that Respondent is suspended from the practice of law until further order of this Court, and Respondent is ordered:

a. to accept no new clients from the date of this Court's order and to cease representing any clients after thirty days from the date of this Court's order. Within the 30 days from the date of this Court's order, Respondent shall wind down all pending matters and shall not initiate any litigation on behalf of clients.

Respondent shall withdraw from all representation within 30 days from the date of this Court's order. In addition, Respondent shall cease acting as personal representative for any estate, as guardian for any ward, and as trustee for any trust and will withdraw from said representation within thirty days from the date of this court's order and will immediately turn over to any successor the complete

d. to stop withdrawing any monies from any trust account or other financial institution account related to Respondent's law practice or transfer any ownership of real or personal property purchased in whole or part with funds properly belonging to clients, probate estates for which Respondent served as personal representative, guardianship estates for which Respondent served as guardian, and trusts for which Respondent served as trustee without approval of the Florida Supreme Court or a referee appointed by the Florida Supreme Court or by order of the circuit court in which an inventory attorney has been appointed;

e. to immediately notify in writing all banks and financial institutions in which Respondent maintains an account related to the practice of law, or related to services rendered as a personal representative of an estate, or related to services rendered as a guardian, or related to services rendered as a trustee, or where Respondent maintains an account that contains funds that originated from a probate estate for which Respondent was personal representative, guardianship estate for which Respondent was guardian, or trust for which Respondent was trustee, of the provisions of respondent's suspension and to provide said financial institutions with a copy of this Court's order, and furthermore, to provide Bar Counsel with a copy of the notice sent to each bank or financial institution; and

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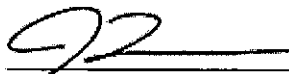
f. to immediately comply with and provide all documents and testimony responsive to a subpoena from The Florida Bar for trust account records and any related documents necessary for completion of a trust account audit to be conducted by The Florida Bar.

Not final until time expires to file motion for rehearing, and if filed, determined. The filing of a motion for rehearing shall not alter the effective date of this suspension.

CANADY, C.J., and PARIENTE, LEWIS, QUINCE, POLSTON, LABARGA, and LAWSON, JJ., concur.

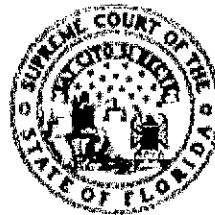
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John A. Tomasino  
Clerk, Supreme Court



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Served:

KATRINA S. BROWN  
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SCOTT KEVORK TOZIAN  
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE \_\_\_\_\_ JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN AND FOR \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, STATE OF FLORIDA  
CIVIL DIVISION**

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Plaintiff,

Case No.: \_\_\_\_\_

v.

\_\_\_\_\_

Defendant.

\_\_\_\_\_ /

**STIPULATION ON MARK P. STOPA'S MOTION TO WITHDRAW  
AND FOR SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL**

This matter came before the Court on the Motion to Withdraw by Mark P. Stopa, Esq. (the "**Motion to Withdraw**") and the stipulation of Mr. Stopa, the Defendant(s), \_\_\_\_\_, and their new counsel (the "**Stipulation**"). The Court, having reviewed the Motion to Withdraw, this Stipulation, reviewed the Court file, and being otherwise duly advised, hereby ratifies the stipulation between Defendant(s) and their new counsel, enters the agreement below as an Order of the Court.

1. On July 27, 2018, Mark P. Stopa was personally ordered by the Florida Supreme Court immediately to file motions to withdraw in every matter in which he was counsel of record.
2. The Defendant's engagement agreement is with Stopa Law Firm, P.A., which is now Stay in My Home, P.A. (the "**Firm**") as a result of a Change of Name filed with the Florida Secretary of State, Division of Corporations.
3. The Firm is now solely owned by Attorney Richard J. Mockler, III.
4. The Defendant(s) consent to the entry of this Stipulated Order, the Firm's continued representation, and Mr. Mockler's substitution in this case as lead counsel.
5. Mr. Mockler shall be designated lead counsel in this case.

6. Additionally, any of the Firm's attorneys, any of the Firm's contract attorneys, and any local counsel that have the Firm's permission to appear also have the client's consent to appear.

7. Upon entry of this Order, all pleadings and other documents directed to Defendant shall be furnished to the following:

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St. Petersburg, FL 33731  
Tel.: (727) 851-9551  
serviceonly@stayinmyhome.com

8. All Parties shall serve court filings only to the email address designated in Paragraph 7.

9. Mark P. Stopa's Motion to Withdraw is granted, and Mark P. Stopa shall have no further obligation or role in this case.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned respectfully request that the Court enter this Stipulated Order in this case.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2018

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Richard J. Mockler

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*Counsel for Defendant(s)*

*Pro Se*

*[The Defendant's Consent and Order of the Court Appear on the Following Pages]*

CLIENT CONSENT

I have reviewed the Stipulation, I am fully informed of my options, and it is my desire that the Firm (Stay In My Home, P.A. formerly known as Stopa Law Firm, P.A.) continue to represent me in my case, and I consent to the appearance of Richard J. Mockler, Esq., Christopher Hixson, Esq., and any of the Firm's other attorneys, contract attorneys, coverage counsel, or local counsel to appear in this case on my behalf.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2018

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Client



**COURT ORDER**

The Court adopts this Stipulation as an Order of the Court, and all Counsel and the Parties shall abide by the terms that are set forth above.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Pinellas County, Florida, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

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Circuit Court Judge

Copies: All counsel of record