

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

THE FLORIDA BAR,

Petitioner,

v.

JACOB AARON WEIL,

Respondent.

Supreme Court Case  
No. SC-

The Florida Bar File  
No. 2021-50,606(17C)OSC

**PETITION FOR CONTEMPT AND ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE**

The Florida Bar, petitioner, pursuant to Rule 3-7.11(f), Rules Regulating The Florida Bar, files this Petition for Contempt and Order to Show Cause, and states:

1. A copy of the Grievance Committee Finding of Non-Compliance and Failure to Respond to Official Bar Inquiry and Contempt is attached to this Petition as "**Exhibit 1**".
2. As of the date of the service of this Petition, respondent has failed to respond to an official bar inquiry.
3. The other members of The Florida Bar should not have to pay for respondent's failure to respond to an official bar inquiry and the initiation of the instant proceeding. Therefore, the bar is requesting administrative costs of \$1,250.00 against respondent.

WHEREFORE, The Florida Bar requests that this Court suspend respondent pursuant to Rule 3-7.11(f), until such time as respondent fully responds in writing to the official bar inquiry contained in “**Exhibit 1**” and until further order of this Court.

Respectfully submitted,



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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that this document has been E-Filed with The Honorable John A. Tomasino, Clerk of the Supreme Court of Florida, using the E-Filing Portal and that a copy has been furnished by United States Mail to Jacob Aaron Weil, 2307 N Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311-3924 and Jacob Aaron Weil, 131 SW 62<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Plantation, FL 33317,

and via email to [jacob@theweillawgroup.com](mailto:jacob@theweillawgroup.com); with a copy to Staff Counsel, The Florida Bar, via email to [psavitz@floridabar.org](mailto:psavitz@floridabar.org), on this 2nd day of June, 2021.



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**NOTICE OF TRIAL COUNSEL AND DESIGNATION OF PRIMARY  
EMAIL ADDRESS**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the trial counsel in this matter is Frances R Brown-Lewis, Bar Counsel, whose address, telephone number and primary email address are The Florida Bar, Fort Lauderdale Branch Office, Lake Shore Plaza II, 1300 Concord Terrace, Ste. 130, Sunrise, FL 33323, (954) 835-0233 and [fbrownle@floridabar.org](mailto:fbrownle@floridabar.org) and [smiles@floridabar.org](mailto:smiles@floridabar.org). Respondent need not address pleadings, correspondence, etc. in this matter to anyone other than trial counsel and to Staff Counsel, The Florida Bar, via email to [psavitz@floridabar.org](mailto:psavitz@floridabar.org).

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA  
(Before a Grievance Committee)

THE FLORIDA BAR,  
Complainant,

The Florida Bar File  
No. 2021-50,503(17C)

v.

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Respondent.

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**GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE FINDING OF NON-COMPLIANCE AND  
FAILURE TO RESPOND TO OFFICIAL BAR INQUIRY AND CONTEMPT**

On May 3, 2021, pursuant to Rule 3-7.11(f), Rules Regulating The Florida Bar, the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit Grievance Committee C considered whether to issue a Finding of Non-Compliance and Failure to Respond to Official Bar Inquiry and Finding of Contempt and made the following findings:

1. On March 15, 2021, respondent was sent a letter by regular U.S. Mail to respondent's record Bar address advising of a complaint in this case and was requested to respond by March 30, 2021. A copy of the letter is attached hereto as part of "Composite Exhibit A".
2. Respondent failed to respond to The Florida Bar as requested in the letter of March 15, 2021.

3. On April 12, 2021, respondent was sent another letter, by regular U.S. Mail to respondent's record Bar address and to respondent's record Bar email address, advising of a complaint in this case and was requested to respond in ten days to the letter. A copy of the letter is attached hereto as part of "Composite Exhibit A".

4. Respondent failed to respond to The Florida Bar as requested in the letter of April 12, 2021.

5. Respondent was given notice that on May 3, 2021, the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit Grievance Committee "C" would hold a hearing on the Request for Issuance of Notice of Non-Compliance and Finding of Contempt. A copy of the Notice of Hearing and the Request for Issuance of Notice of Non-Compliance and Finding of Contempt are attached hereto as "Composite Exhibit A".

6. Respondent made no response to the Request for Issuance of Notice of Non-Compliance and Finding of Contempt.

7. As of the date of the Request for Issuance of Notice of Non-Compliance and Finding of Contempt, Respondent failed to respond to the official Bar inquiries dated March 15, 2021 and April 12, 2021.

8. The Grievance Committee found that Respondent failed to show good cause for failing to respond to the official Bar inquiries and that the non-compliance was willful.

9. The Grievance Committee found Respondent to be in contempt and requested The Florida Bar to file a Petition for Contempt and Order to Show Cause with the Supreme Court.

Dated this \_\_11th\_\_ day of \_\_May\_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

Seventeenth Judicial Circuit Grievance  
Committee "C



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Madeleine Q. Mannello, Chair

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I certify that the original hereof has been furnished by regular U.S. Mail to, Jacob Aaron Weil, 2307 N Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311-3924 and 131 SW 62<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Plantation, FL 33317, and via e-mail to [jacob@theweillawgroup.com](mailto:jacob@theweillawgroup.com); Adam Glenn Rabinowitz, Designated Reviewer, at [adam@mr-lawyers.com](mailto:adam@mr-lawyers.com), and to Staff Counsel, The Florida Bar, via e-mail at [psavitz@floridabar.org](mailto:psavitz@floridabar.org), this \_\_11th\_\_ day of May, 2021.



Frances R. Brown-Lewis, Bar Counsel

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**REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANCE  
AND FINDING OF CONTEMPT**

Pursuant to Rule 3-7.11(f)(2), Rules Regulating The Florida Bar, the undersigned Bar Counsel requests that on May 3, 2021, the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit Grievance Committee "C", hear the issue of whether respondent shall be found in contempt for failure to respond to an official Bar inquiry without good cause shown and states the following:

1. On March 15, 2021, respondent was sent a letter by regular U.S. Mail to respondent's record Bar address advising of a complaint in this case and was requested to respond by March 30, 2021. A copy of the letter is attached hereto as "Exhibit A".

2. Respondent failed to respond to The Florida Bar as requested in the letter of March 15, 2021.

3. On April 12, 2021, respondent was sent another letter, by regular U.S. Mail to respondent's record Bar address and to respondent's record Bar email address, advising of a complaint in this case and was requested to respond in ten days to the letter. A copy of the letter is attached hereto as "Exhibit B".

4. Respondent failed to respond to The Florida Bar as requested in the letter of April 12, 2021.

5. As of the date of this Request for Issuance of Notice of Non-Compliance and Finding of Contempt, the respondent has willfully failed to respond to an official Bar inquiry without good cause.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned Bar Counsel respectfully requests that this Grievance Committee issue its findings as to whether respondent has willfully failed to respond to an official Bar inquiry and whether respondent should be held in contempt for failure to respond to an official Bar inquiry.

Respectfully submitted,



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I certify this document has been furnished by regular U.S. Mail respondent, Jacob Aaron Weil, 2307 N Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311-3924; and 131 SW 62<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Plantation, FL 33317; and via email to [jacob@theweillawgroup.com](mailto:jacob@theweillawgroup.com); and via email to Madeleine Q. Mannello, Chair at [mmannello@winstonlaw.com](mailto:mmannello@winstonlaw.com); Adam Glenn Rabinowitz, Designated Reviewer, at [adam@mr-lawyers.com](mailto:adam@mr-lawyers.com) and to Patricia Ann Toro Savitz, Staff Counsel, The Florida Bar, via email at [psavitz@floridabar.org](mailto:psavitz@floridabar.org), dated this 22nd day of April, 2021.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Frances R. Brown-Lewis".

Frances R. Brown-Lewis, Bar Counsel



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March 15, 2021

Mr. Jacob Aaron Weil  
2307 N Andrews Ave  
Ft Lauderdale, FL 33311-3924

Re: Complaint by Nina Oswald against Jacob Aaron Weil  
The Florida Bar File No. 2021-50,503 (17B)

Dear Mr. Weil:

Enclosed is a copy of an inquiry/complaint and any supporting documents submitted by the above referenced complainant(s). Your response to this complaint is required under the provisions of Rule 4-8.4(g), Rules of Professional Conduct of the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar, and is due in our office by **March 30, 2021**. **Responses should not exceed 25 pages** and may refer to any additional documents or exhibits that are available on request. Failure to provide a written response to this complaint is in itself a violation of Rule 4-8.4(g). Please note that any correspondence must be sent through the U.S. mail; we cannot accept faxed material. **You are further required to furnish the complainant with a complete copy of your written response, including any documents submitted therewith.**

Pursuant to Rule 3-7.1(f), Rules of Discipline, you are further required to complete and return the enclosed Certificate of Disclosure form.

Finally, the filing of this complaint does not preclude communication between the attorney and the complainant(s). Please review the enclosed Notice for information on submitting your response.

Sincerely,

Maura Canter, Bar Counsel  
Attorney Consumer Assistance Program  
ACAP Hotline 866-352-0707

Enclosures

cc: Ms. Nina Oswald

Pursuant to Rule 3-7.1(f) of the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar, you must execute the applicable section of this form and return it to my attention. The rule provides that the nature of the charges be described in the notice to your firm or you may attach a copy of the complaint.

**CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, a true copy of the foregoing disclosure was furnished to \_\_\_\_\_, a member of my present law firm of \_\_\_\_\_, and, if different, to \_\_\_\_\_, a member of the law firm of \_\_\_\_\_, with which I was associated at the time of the act(s) giving rise to the complaint in The Florida Bar File No. 2021-50,503 (17B).

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jacob Aaron Weil

**CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE**  
(Corporate/Government Employment)

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, a true copy of the foregoing disclosure was furnished to \_\_\_\_\_, my supervisor at \_\_\_\_\_ (name of agency), with which I was associated at the time of the act(s) giving rise to the complaint in The Florida Bar File No. 2021-50,503 (17B).

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jacob Aaron Weil

**CERTIFICATE OF NON-LAW FIRM AFFILIATION**  
(Sole Practitioner)

I HEREBY CERTIFY to The Florida Bar on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, that I am not presently affiliated with a law firm and was not affiliated with a law firm at the time of the act(s) giving rise to the complaint in The Florida Bar File No. 2021-50,503 (17B).

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jacob Aaron Weil

## **NOTICE OF GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES**

1. The enclosed letter is an official inquiry by bar counsel. Your response is required under Rule 4-8.4(g) of the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar. Rule 4-8.4(g)(1) and (2) require that a lawyer submit a written response within 15 days to an initial inquiry and within 10 days to any follow-up inquiry made by bar counsel, the grievance committee or the board of governors during the course of an investigation of the lawyer's conduct. If you do not respond, the matter will be forwarded to the grievance committee for disposition in accordance with Rule 3-7.3. Failure to respond may also be a matter of contempt and processed in accordance with Rule 3-7.11(f).
2. Many inquiries considered first by staff counsel are not forwarded to a grievance committee, as they do not involve violations of the Rules of Professional Conduct justifying disciplinary action.
3. Pursuant to Rule 3-7.1, any reports, correspondence, papers, recordings and/or transcripts of hearings submitted by you in this matter shall become accessible to the public upon dismissal or a decision by the grievance committee. Please advise Bar Counsel if you believe any material provided to The Florida Bar is confidential under applicable law and identify the basis of your claim that the material is confidential. Please note that The Florida Bar is required to acknowledge the status of proceedings during the pendency of an investigation, if a specific inquiry is made and the matter is deemed to be in the public domain.
4. The grievance committee is the Bar's "grand jury." Proceedings before the grievance committee are non-adversarial in nature. The grievance committee's function and procedures are set forth in Rule 3-7.4.
5. If the grievance committee finds probable cause, formal adversarial proceedings before the Supreme Court of Florida will be initiated pursuant to Rule 3-7.6. A referee will make a recommendation as to guilt and discipline to The Supreme Court of Florida, unless a plea is submitted pursuant to Rule 3-7.9.



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Ms. Nina Oswald  
Merton Law Group  
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Altamonte Springs, FL 32714

Re: Jacob Aaron Weil; The Florida Bar File No. 2021-50,503 (17B)

Dear Ms. Oswald:

Enclosed is a copy of our letter to Mr. Weil which requires a response to your complaint.

Once you receive Mr. Weil's response, you have 10 days to file a rebuttal if you so desire. **If you decide to file a rebuttal, you must send a copy to Mr. Weil.** Rebuttals should not exceed 25 pages and may refer to any additional documents or exhibits that are available on request. Please address any and all correspondence to me. Please note that any correspondence must be sent through the U.S. mail; we cannot accept faxed material.

**It is important that you keep The Florida Bar informed of any changes to your contact information.**

Please be advised that as an arm of the Supreme Court of Florida, The Florida Bar can investigate allegations of misconduct against attorneys, and where appropriate, request that the attorney be disciplined. The Florida Bar cannot render legal advice nor can The Florida Bar represent individuals or intervene on their behalf in any civil or criminal matter.

Please review the enclosed Notice on mailing instructions for information on submitting your rebuttal.

Sincerely,

Maura Canter, Bar Counsel  
Attorney Consumer Assistance Program  
ACAP Hotline 866-352-0707

Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jacob Aaron Weil

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1. The enclosed letter is an informal inquiry. Your response is required under the provisions of The Rules Regulating The Florida Bar 4 8.4(g), Rules of Professional Conduct. Failure to provide a written response to this complaint is in itself a violation of Rule 4 8.4(g). If you do not respond, the matter will be forwarded to the grievance committee for disposition in accordance with Rule 3-7.3 of the Rules of Discipline.
2. Many complaints considered first by staff counsel are not forwarded to a grievance committee, as they do not involve violations of the Rules of Professional Conduct justifying disciplinary action.
3. “Pursuant to Rule 3-7.1(a), Rules of Discipline, any response by you in these proceedings shall become part of the public record of this matter and thereby become accessible to the public upon the closure of the case by Bar counsel or upon a finding of no probable cause, probable cause, minor misconduct, or recommendation of diversion. Disclosure during the pendency of an investigation may be made only as to status if a specific inquiry concerning this case is made and if this matter is generally known to be in the public domain.”
4. The grievance committee is the Bar’s “grand jury.” Its function and procedure are set forth in Rule 3-7.4. Proceedings before the grievance committee, for the most part, are non-adversarial in nature. However, you should carefully review Chapter 3 of the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar.
5. If the grievance committee finds probable cause, formal adversarial proceedings, which ordinarily lead to disposition by the Supreme Court of Florida, will be commenced under 3-7.6, unless a plea is submitted under Rule 3-7.9.



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April 12, 2021

**VIA E-Mail to [jacob@theweillawgroup.com](mailto:jacob@theweillawgroup.com) and regular US Mail**

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Re: Complaint of Nina Oswald against Jacob Aaron Weil  
The Florida Bar File No. 2021-50,503(17C)

Dear Mr. Weil:

Enclosed you will find correspondence dated March 15, 2021, requiring a response. Please be advised that a written response is required pursuant to Rule 4-8.4(g) of the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar, and a response has not been received.

If a response is not received by April 22, 2021, this matter will be forwarded to the grievance committee for further investigation.

With respect to the aforesaid requests, you are hereby notified that Rule 4-8.4(g) provides that the failure to respond to an official inquiry with no good cause shown may be a matter of contempt and processed in accordance with rule 3-7.11(f)(2) of the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar. You are hereby notified that should you fail to comply with R. Regulating Fla. Bar 4-8.4(g), and provide a full written response to the requests for information and documents, such failure shall be considered by the grievance committee at its next regularly scheduled meeting. This consideration shall be for the sole and exclusive purpose of determining whether or not there is good cause shown for the failure to provide the requested information. In reaching this determination, the grievance committee will consider this letter, as well as any documents you filed, or The Florida Bar, received, in response to, or relating to it.

Jacob Aaron Weil, Esquire

April 12, 2021

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If I do not receive complete responses by April 22, 2021, this matter will be forwarded to a grievance committee for disposition as appropriate on the issue of contempt as set forth above. This is the only notice that will be provided concerning any failure by you to provide a complete response to the instant request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Frances R. Brown-Lewis".

Frances R. Brown-Lewis

Bar Counsel

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Enclosure

cc: Ms. Nina Oswald, Complainant