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

THE FLORIDA BAR,

Supreme Court Case

Complainant,

No. SC21-880

The Florida Bar File No. 2020-10,264 (20B)

JOHN PARQUETTE WHITE,

Respondent.

**ADMONISHMENT** 

John Parquette White, the Supreme Court of Florida, by order dated July 1, 2021, has directed that you be admonished for minor misconduct to be administered by letter from the Chair of the Twentieth Judicial Circuit Grievance Committee "B".

Your title company was hired by the complainant in this matter to prepare a sales contract and serve as the closing agent for the purchase of vacant land adjoining the complainant's home. The transaction required the admission of a Georgia will in Florida as the property was co-owned by a trust and the estate of a deceased individual. You failed to diligently seek admission of the foreign will in Florida or move forward with the closing and failed to reasonably communicate with the complainant. Your actions caused the closing of the property to be delayed, and the complainant

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ultimately proceeded with another title company to complete the Florida probate process and close the transaction.

John Parquette White, your actions, while found to be minor, have discredited the legal profession of the State of Florida. Such conduct cannot be tolerated by your fellow lawyers and should not be tolerated by you. All violations of the code of conduct, even those such as yours, threaten our existence as a profession.

I trust that from this point forward your professional conduct will help preserve our profession and be in compliance with our code. Pride in your profession and self-respect should encourage you in this regard.

This admonishment is now a permanent part of your bar record. The lawyers of Florida expect your future conduct to exemplify your oath and obligations to our profession.

DONE AND ADMINISTERED this day of July, 2021.

Twentieth Judicial Circuit Grievance Committee "B"

Tamara Rosalind Strohl, Chair