Supreme Court of Florida

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2022

CASE NO.: SC22-833 Lower Tribunal No(s).: 2022-90,061(OSC)

THE FLORIDA BAR

vs. JEFFREY EDWARD APPEL

Petitioner(s)

Respondent(s)

This is before the Court on The Florida Bar's Petition for Contempt and Order to Show Cause.

The Court having issued its Order to Show Cause to respondent, and respondent having filed a response to said Order to Show Cause,

IT IS ORDERED that The Florida Bar's petition is granted in part, and respondent is held in contempt of this Court. As a sanction, respondent is suspended from the practice of law for ninety days, effective thirty days from the date of this order so that respondent can close out his practice and protect the interests of existing clients. If respondent notifies this Court in writing that he is no longer practicing and does not need the thirty days to protect existing clients, this Court will enter an order making the suspension effective immediately. Respondent shall fully comply with Rule Regulating The Florida Bar 3-5.1(g). Respondent shall also fully comply with Rule Regulating The Florida Bar 3-6.1, if

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applicable. In addition, respondent shall accept no new business from the date this order is filed until he is reinstated.

Furthermore, respondent's contract with Florida Lawyers
Assistance, Inc. is hereby extended for a term of three years from
the date of this Court's order.

Judgment is entered for The Florida Bar, 651 East Jefferson Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2300, for recovery of costs from Jeffrey Edward Appel in the amount of \$1,250.00, for which sum let execution issue.

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.

MUÑIZ, C.J., and CANADY, POLSTON, LABARGA, COURIEL, GROSSHANS, and FRANCIS, JJ., concur.

A True Copy Test:

John A. Tomasino Clerk, Supreme Court



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Served:

PATRICIA ANN TORO SAVITZ BRETT ALAN GEER