

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

THE FLORIDA BAR,

Complainant,

v.

TFB File No. 2011-00,906 (4B)

CHRISTOPHER VINCENT PULEO,

Respondent.

REPORT OF MINOR MISCONDUCT

I. **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** Pursuant to Rule 3-7.4(m), of the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar, the committee recommends that Respondent receive an admonishment. The admonishment should be administered by service of this report with the following conditions: Respondent shall schedule Ethics School and complete 20 hours of continuing legal education and 5 hours of ethics within 30 days of acceptance of this report. Respondent shall not report the continuing legal education hours for credit in the current CLER cycle, but report them to the Department of Lawyer Regulation.

II. **SUMMARY OF MISCONDUCT AND RULE VIOLATIONS FOUND:** Respondent practiced law while delinquent in continuing legal education requirements. Respondent allowed his status to lapse to delinquent by failing to report continuing legal education hours for courses taken at the Workers' Compensation Educational Conference. Respondent mistakenly believed the course administrators would report his hours. When Respondent appeared at a hearing, he was notified of his delinquency. In reporting his continuing legal education courses, Respondent mistakenly reported several courses that overlapped in time. The committee found Respondent violated Rules 1-3.4(a) (CLER Delinquent Members) and 1-3.6 (Delinquent Members).

III. **ADMONISHMENT:** Christopher Vincent Puleo, your actions 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. Pride in your profession demands that you not violate the Rules of Professional Conduct again.

If you do, your present misconduct will be considered in future disciplinary proceedings.

IV. COSTS: The cost of these proceedings is assessed against Respondent as follows:

Administrative Costs	\$1,250.00
Court Reporter Fees and Transcripts	140.00
Attorney Travel and Expenses	<u>310.57</u>
TOTAL COSTS	\$1,700.57

FEES: The following program is recommended and Respondent shall pay the fees of this matter which are:

Ethics School	<u>\$ 750.00</u>
TOTAL FEES	\$ 750.00

Costs are due The Florida Bar within 30 days from acceptance of this minor misconduct recommendation.


Pursuant to Rule 1-3.6(c) of The Rules Regulating The Florida Bar, any person now or hereafter licensed to practice law in Florida shall be deemed a delinquent member if the member fails to pay the costs assessed in diversion or disciplinary cases within 30 days after the disciplinary decision or diversion recommendation becomes final, unless such time is extended by the board of governors for good cause shown. Delinquent members shall not engage in the practice of law in Florida nor be entitled to any privileges and benefits accorded to members of The Florida Bar in good standing.

VI. COMMITTEE VOTE: A quorum consists of not less than 3 members of the committee being present, 2 of whom are lawyers. The committee, by affirmative vote of a majority, voted in favor of the recommendation as stated in Item I above. In accordance with Rule 3-7.4(g), the committee reports the number of committee members voting for, or against, this report as follows:

In favor of the report	<u>6</u>
Against the report	<u>0</u>

Dated this 17th day of August, 2012.

Fourth Judicial Circuit Grievance Committee "B"

BY: 

Michael Scott Sharrit, Chair

cc: Kenneth Lawrence Marvin, Staff Counsel