IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

THE FLORIDA BAR,

Supreme Court Case No. SC-

IN RE: THE PETITION FOR DISCIPLINARY REVOCATION OF ERIC BRETT GRANITUR. Petitioner. The Florida Bar File No. 2019-30,212 (19A)(CDR)

PETITION FOR DISCIPLINARY REVOCATION WITH LEAVE TO APPLY FOR READMISSION

Petitioner Eric Brett Granitur submits this Petition for Disciplinary Revocation pursuant to Rule Regulating Fla. Bar 3-7.12 and states:

1. Petitioner knowingly and voluntarily submits this petition with full knowledge of its effect.

2. Petitioner is 61 years old. He has been a member of The Florida Bar since November 20, 1986, and is subject to the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of Florida and the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar.

3. There are no other past or pending disciplinary proceedings against the Petitioner other than as set forth below.

4. The following disciplinary charge is currently pending against the Petitioner:

A. On March 8, 2018, the Grand Jury for the Southern District of Florida returned a second superseding indictment charging petitioner with one count of Conspiracy to Commit False Statements, a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 371, and two counts of False Statements, a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1014, which alleged that petitioner, while acting as the attorney and escrow agent of a title company, made, caused to be made, or aided in the making of false statements and reports to federally insured financial institutions while his coconspirators provided buyers with incentives to purchase condominium units and concealed the incentives from the financial institutions that financed the purchases of the condominiums. The second superseding indictment further alleged that the conspiratorial conduct of which Petitioner was a part caused the funding of loans based on the false disclosures.

B. At trial, the jury found petitioner guilty of all three counts charged in the second superseding indictment. Petitioner was adjudicated guilty and committed to the custody of the U.S. Bureau of Prisons to serve a total term of one year and one day.

5. Petitioner contends that granting this Petition will not adversely affect the public interest, the integrity of the courts, or the confidence of the public in the legal profession. Further, Petitioner contends that granting this Petition will not hinder the administration of justice.

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6. Petitioner agrees to reimburse the Client Security Fund (CSF) for any and all funds CSF has paid or may pay out for claims resulting from Petitioner's conduct.

7. Petitioner agrees to reimburse The Florida Bar for the costs incurred in his disciplinary case.

8. Petitioner agrees to submit to a complete audit of any trust account(s) and any other account(s) in which Petitioner has placed client funds, if requested to do so by The Florida Bar.

9. Petitioner further agrees to submit a sworn financial affidavit to The Florida Bar attesting to Petitioner's current personal and professional financial circumstances on a form to be provided by The Florida Bar within thirty (30) days, if requested.

10. Petitioner further agrees to maintain a current mailing address with The Florida Bar for a period of five (5) years after the disciplinary revocation becomes final. Further, Petitioner shall keep The Florida Bar advised as to the physical address of Petitioner's home and/or business in the event Petitioner should utilize a post office box or other type of mail drop service during the five (5) year period after the disciplinary revocation becomes final.

11. Petitioner understands that the granting of this petition by the Supreme Court of Florida shall serve to dismiss all pending disciplinary cases.

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For these reasons, Petitioner respectfully requests that this Court grant this Petition and order that Petitioner's membership in The Florida Bar be revoked with leave to seek readmission to The Florida Bar.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated October 10, 2018

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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, with a copy provided via United States Mail to Joshua E. Doyle, Executive Director, The Florida Bar, 651 East Jefferson Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2300; and copies to Carrie C. Lee, Bar Counsel, The Florida Bar, 1000 Legion Place, Suite 1625, Orlando, Florida 32801 at the designated email address of <u>clee@floridabar.org</u>; and to Staff Counsel, The Florida Bar, Lake Shore Plaza II, 1300 Concord Terrace Suite 130, Sunrise, FL

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33323, at the designated email address of <u>aquintel@floridabar.org</u>, on October 10, 2018.

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