

Supreme Court of Florida

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 2019

CASE NO.: SC19-991
Lower Tribunal No(s).:
2019-30,887(9C)(CDR)

IN RE: PETITION FOR DISCIPLINARY REVOCATION OF
DANIEL STEPHEN LAPINA

The uncontested petition for disciplinary revocation, as provided by Rule 3-7.12, Rules Regulating the Florida Bar, with leave to seek readmission after five years, is granted subject to the continuing jurisdiction of this Court. *See Florida Bar v. Ross*, 732 So. 2d 1037, 1040-42 (Fla. 1998). Disciplinary revocation is tantamount to disbarment. *Florida Bar v. Hale*, 762 So. 2d 515 (Fla. 2000). The disciplinary revocation shall be effective thirty days from the date of this order, as agreed by the Bar and petitioner, so that petitioner can close out his practice and protect the interests of existing clients. If petitioner 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 revocation effective immediately. Petitioner shall fully comply with Rule Regulating the Florida Bar 3-5.1(h). In addition, petitioner shall accept no new business from the date this order is filed until he is readmitted.

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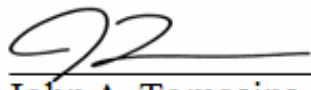
Judgment is entered for The Florida Bar, 651 East Jefferson Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2300, for recovery of costs from Daniel Stephen Lapina in the amount of \$4,087.94, for which sum let execution issue.

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 revocation. As with disbarment, in seeking readmission to The Florida Bar, petitioner "may be admitted again only upon full compliance with the rules and regulations governing admission to the bar." R. Regulating Fla. Bar 3-7.10(n).

CANADY, C.J., and POLSTON, LABARGA, LAWSON, LAGOA, LUCK, and MUÑIZ, JJ., concur.

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