IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

IN RE:

Supreme Court Case

THE PETITION FOR DISCIPLINARY

REVOCATION OF CARIN E.

The Florida Bar File No.

MAXEY, Petitioner.

2019-70,483(11E-MDR)

PETITION FOR DISCIPLINARY REVOCATION WITH LEAVE TO APPLY FOR READMISSION AFTER TEN YEARS

COMES NOW the Petitioner, Carin E. Maxey, pursuant to Rule Regulating The Florida Bar 3-7.12, and submits this Petition for Disciplinary Revocation With Leave to Apply for Readmission After Ten Years, and states as follows:

- 1. Petitioner knowingly and voluntarily submits this Petition with full knowledge of its effect.
- 2. Petitioner has been a member of The Florida Bar since July 25. 2003, albeit currently emergency suspended pursuant to Supreme Court Order dated August 23, 2017 and is subject to the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of Florida and the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar.
- 3. The following disciplinary charges are currently pending against the Petitioner:
- A. The Florida Bar File No. 2017-70,375(11E) alleges that petitioner was unduly antagonistic and unnecessarily delayed dissolution of

marriage proceedings. This file is pending at staff level. This matter is factually related to the cases described in 3(B), 3(D), (3E) and 3(F) below.

- B. The Florida Bar File No. 2017-70,474(11E-MES), Supreme Court Case No. SC17-1495, alleges that petitioner failed to provide a proper accounting for funds held in her trust account, possibly misappropriated client trust funds, and possibly made misrepresentations regarding those same funds. This matter is pending before a referee. This matter is factually related to the cases described in 3(A), 3(D), 3(E), and 3(F).
- C. The Florida Bar File No. 2018-70,153(11E) alleges that petitioner engaged in neglect and lack of communication in the course of a client representation. This file is pending at staff level.
- D. The Florida Bar File No. 2018-70,156(11E) alleges that petitioner misappropriated client trust funds and used those funds to pay a financial obligation to another client. This matter is pending at staff level. This matter is factually related to the cases described in 3(A), 3(B), 3(E), and 3(F).
- E. The Florida Bar File No. 2018-70,289(11E) involves criminal charges against petitioner stemming from the same allegations underlying The Florida Bar File No. 2018-70,156(11E). On February 28, 2019, petitioner entered a plea of guilty to one count of grand theft, a second-degree felony. Adjudication was withheld and petitioner was placed on probation, which is subject to

termination upon payment of restitution in the amount of \$150,000.00. The criminal case arose in Miami-Dade County Circuit Court and is styled *State v*.

Maxey, Case No. F17-22221. This matter is factually related to the cases described in 3(A), 3(B), 3(D), and 3(F).

- F. The Florida Bar File No. 2018-70,570(11E) alleges that petitioner failed to expedite litigation, unnecessarily delayed proceedings, and misappropriated client funds in a dissolution of marriage proceeding. The Petitioner would further advise this Court that she presently has a charging lien pending in the underlying matter, which is the divorce case that these particular funds relate to and is currently being litigated in those underlying circuit court proceedings. There have been no factual findings in the Florida Bar proceedings regarding Petitioner's entitlement to any of these funds. This matter is pending at staff level. This matter is factually related to the cases described in 3(A), 3(B), 3(D), 3(E), and 3(F).
- G. The Florida Bar File No. 2018-00,535(11E) alleges that petitioner made improper designations on the internet and was avoiding service in a civil matter that remains pending in Jacksonville, Florida. Same also is pending at staff level in the Bar's disciplinary proceedings.
- H. The Florida Bar File No. 2019-00,279(11E) alleges that petitioner engaged in the practice of law while suspended. This matter is pending

at staff level.

- 4. The petitioner is represented by counsel and knowingly and voluntarily submits this petition with full knowledge and understanding of its effect.
- 5. This revocation will not adversely affect the public interest, the purity of the courts, nor hinder the administration of justice nor the confidence of the public in the legal profession.
- 6. The Petitioner agrees to reimburse the Clients' Security Fund of The Florida Bar for any and all payments it may make as a result of petitioner's misconduct.
- 7. The Petitioner agrees to reimburse The Florida Bar for the costs incurred in her disciplinary cases, to wit:

Administrative Fee Rule 3-7.6(q)(l)(l)\$	1,250.00
Staff Auditor Costs\$	11,236.62
Court Reporter Costs for copy of Transcript of hearing In Re: Karen Dunkel and James Dunkel; Case No. 2014-DR-02112\$	268.50
Attendance of Court Reporter at hearings on January 9, 2018; March 9, 2018; September 14, 2018; September 21, 2018 November 16, 2018; and March 1, 2019\$	540.00

- 8. The Petitioner agrees to permit the bar to audit any and all trust accounts and any other accounts over which she has signatory authority as either an attorney, fiduciary, or trustee, should The Florida Bar wish to conduct such an audit.
- 9. The Petitioner agrees to provide The Florida Bar with a sworn financial affidavit within thirty days of the Florida Supreme Court's acceptance of this disciplinary revocation.
- 10. The Petitioner shall notify the bar of any change of address during a two-year period to be computed from the date of the entry of this court's order accepting this petition for disciplinary revocation. Further, the petitioner shall keep the bar advised as to the physical address of petitioner's home and/or business in the event the petitioner should utilize a post office box or other type of mail drop service.
- 11. The Petitioner understands that the granting of this petition by the Supreme Court of Florida shall serve to dismiss all pending disciplinary cases.

WHEREFORE, the Petitioner respectfully requests this Honorable Court to grant the Petition for Disciplinary Revocation with Leave to Reapply After Ten Years. As Petitioner is currently suspended, no time is needed within which to close her practice and the revocation may take effect immediately.

Dated this 18 day of March, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HERBY CERTIFY that I have served theoriginal of the foregoing Petition for Revocation With Leave to Apply for Readmission After Ten Years via e-mail at tavery@floridabar.org to Tonya L. Avery, Bar Counsel, and via regular mail at The Florida Bar, 444 Brickell Avenue, Suite M-100, Miami, FL 33131, on this \(\frac{8}{12} \) day of March, 2019, for E-filing with the Clerk of the Florida Supreme Court using the E-filing Portal.

CARIN E. MAXEY, Petitioner