

Supreme Court of Florida

MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2020

CASE NO.: SC19-42
Lower Tribunal No(s):
2017-50,892(17D)

THE FLORIDA BAR

vs. JAMES M. POTTS SR.

Complainant(s)

Respondent(s)

Upon consideration of the report of referee, and the briefs filed in this case, the report of referee is approved in part and disapproved in part. The referee's findings of fact and recommendations as to guilt are hereby approved. The referee's report with respect to not finding pattern of misconduct and multiple offenses as aggravating factors, and the recommendation of a public reprimand are hereby disapproved. Respondent is suspended from the practice of law for sixty 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(h). In addition, respondent shall accept no new business from the date this order is filed until he is reinstated. Respondent is further directed to comply with all other terms and conditions of the report.

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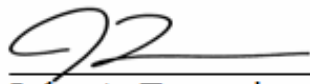
Upon reinstatement, respondent is further placed on probation for two years under the terms and conditions set forth in the report.

Judgment is entered for The Florida Bar, 651 East Jefferson Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2300, for recovery of costs from James M. Potts Sr., in the amount of \$4,694.28, 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.

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

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