

Supreme Court of Florida

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2018

CASE NO.: SC18-284

Lower Tribunal No(s).:
2017-10,745 (20A)

THE FLORIDA BAR

vs. ESMOND JUDE LEWIS

Complainant(s)

Respondent(s)

The uncontested report of the referee is approved and respondent is suspended from the practice of law for thirty 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.

Respondent shall pay restitution in the amount of \$4,000.00 to Edward Fitzgerald 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 Esmond Jude Lewis in the amount of \$2,831.28, for which sum let execution issue.

The filing of a motion for rehearing shall not alter the effective date of this suspension.

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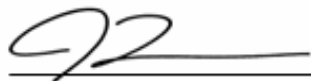
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ANY MOTION FOR REHEARING OR CLARIFICATION MUST BE FILED WITHIN SEVEN DAYS. A RESPONSE TO THE MOTION FOR REHEARING/CLARIFICATION MAY BE FILED WITHIN FIVE DAYS AFTER THE FILING OF THE MOTION FOR REHEARING/CLARIFICATION. NOT FINAL UNTIL THIS TIME PERIOD EXPIRES TO FILE A REHEARING/CLARIFICATION MOTION AND, IF FILED, DETERMINED.

CANADY, C.J., and PARIENTE, LEWIS, QUINCE, POLSTON, LABARGA, and LAWSON, JJ., concur.

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John A. Tomasino
Clerk, Supreme Court



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Served:

CHARDEAN MAVIS HILL
ESMOND JUDE LEWIS
HON. RENEE INMAN, JUDGE
LAIRD ANDREW LILE
ADRIA E. QUINTELA