

Supreme Court of Florida

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 2022

CASE NO.: SC19-1545

Lower Tribunal No(s):
2017-00,628(2A)

THE FLORIDA BAR

vs. CATHERINE ELIZABETH CZYZ

Complainant(s)

Respondent(s)

Upon consideration of the report of referee and the briefs filed in this case, the Court hereby approves the referee's findings of fact and recommendations as to guilt. The Court also approves the referee's findings in aggravation and mitigation. Further, the Court approves the referee's recommended sanction and respondent is suspended from the practice of law for two years, effective thirty days from the date of this order so that respondent can close out her practice and protect the interests of existing clients. If respondent notifies this Court in writing that she 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). Respondent shall also fully comply with Rule Regulating the Florida Bar 3-6.1, if applicable. In addition, respondent shall accept no new business from the date this order is filed until she is reinstated.

Respondent shall pay restitution in the amount of \$41,708.45 together with prejudgment interest to Erin Neitzelt as a condition of reinstatement.

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Respondent is further directed to comply with all other terms and conditions of the report.

Judgment is entered for The Florida Bar, 651 East Jefferson Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2300, for recovery of costs from Catherine Elizabeth Czyz in the amount of \$5,392.15, for which sum let execution issue.

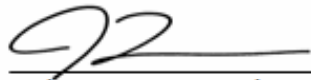
Respondent's Motion for Judicial Notice of Video Deposition of Erin Neitzelt, dated October 15, 2021, is hereby denied.

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, COURIEL, and GROSSHANS, JJ., concur.

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