

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

THE FLORIDA BAR,

Complainant,

v.

ANTON AGGREY GAMMONS,

Respondent.

Supreme Court Case
No. SC-

The Florida Bar File
No. 2020-30,133 (9C)

CONDITIONAL GUILTY PLEA FOR CONSENT JUDGMENT

COMES NOW, the undersigned respondent, Anton Aggrey Gammons, and files this Conditional Guilty Plea pursuant to Rule 3-7.9 of the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar.

1. Respondent is, and at all times mentioned herein was, a member of The Florida Bar, subject to the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of Florida.
2. Respondent is currently the subject of a Florida Bar disciplinary matter which has been assigned The Florida Bar File No. 2020-30,133 (9C). Respondent waives the right to a probable cause hearing before a grievance committee and stipulates to a finding of probable cause in reference to this matter.
3. Respondent is acting freely and voluntarily in this matter, and tenders this plea without fear or threat of coercion. Respondent is not represented in this matter.

4. The disciplinary measures to be imposed upon respondent are as follows:

A. A thirty (30) day suspension from the practice of law.

B. Respondent will participate actively in the program offered by Florida Lawyers Assistance, Inc. (FLA, Inc.), by signing a rehabilitation contract with that organization within thirty (30) days of the order of the Supreme Court of Florida approving this consent judgement. Respondent shall follow all recommendations by FLA, Inc., and will be placed on probation for the length of his FLA, Inc. contract not to exceed five (5) years.

C. Respondent will pay a FLA, Inc., registration fee of \$250.00 and a probation monitoring fee of \$100.00 per month directly to FLA, Inc. The Florida Bar will monitor respondent's compliance with her FLA, Inc. rehabilitation contract, including nonpayment of his monthly monitoring fees. Should respondent fail to pay FLA, Inc., his failure to pay will be reported to The Florida Bar and the bar will follow up, with regards to respondent's noncompliance, up to and including holding respondent in contempt for failure to pay his monthly monitoring fees.

D. Respondent agrees to reimburse The Florida Bar for the costs incurred in this disciplinary case.

5. Respondent acknowledges that, unless waived or modified by the Court on motion of respondent, the court order will contain a provision that prohibits respondent from accepting new business from the date of the order or opinion and shall provide that the suspension is effective 30 days from the date of the order or opinion so that respondent may close out the practice of law and protect the interest of existing clients.

6. The following allegations and rules provide the basis for respondent's guilty plea and for the discipline to be imposed in this matter:

A. On June 14, 2019, respondent was stopped by law enforcement in Indian River County, Florida, for excessive speed. Upon making contact with respondent, law enforcement noted the odor of cannabis and conducted a search of respondent's vehicle.

B. Law enforcement found three small baggies of a white powder substance that was later tested by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and confirmed to be cocaine, approximately two grams of marijuana and a vape pen cartridge with residue that tested positive for THC.

C. Respondent was charged by Information with Possession of Cocaine, a felony of the third degree; Possession of Tetrahydrocannabinol, a felony of the third degree; Possession of 20 Grams or Less of Cannabis, a misdemeanor of the first degree; and Use of Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, a misdemeanor of

the first degree, in State v. Gammons, Case No. 31-2019-CF-000829-A, in the Circuit Court of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit.

D. On October 15, 2019, respondent entered a plea of no contest to Possession of Cocaine, Possession of 20 Grams of Less of Cannabis and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. In exchange for respondent's plea, the State Attorney's Office entered a nolle prosequi for count 2, Possession of Tetrahydrocannabinol, and agreed to refer this matter to Veteran's Court in Orange County, Florida.

E. On June 4, 2020, respondent successfully completed the Veteran's Court program in Orange County, Florida, and the State Attorney's Office announced a nolle prosequi of respondent's criminal charges.

F. In addition to the demands of the Veterans Court program, respondent has voluntarily sought assistance through the Florida Lawyer's Assistance Program.

G. Respondent admits that by virtue of the foregoing, he has violated Rules Regulating The Florida Bar 3-4.3 (Misconduct and Minor Misconduct) and 4-8.4(b) (Criminal Conduct).

7. In mitigation, respondent has no prior disciplinary history [Florida's Standards for Imposing Lawyer Sanctions 9.32(a)], had no dishonest or selfish motive [Florida's Standards for Imposing Lawyer Sanctions 9.32(b)], was

experiencing personal or emotional problems during the relevant time period [Florida's Standards for Imposing Lawyer Sanctions 9.32(c)], has fully cooperated with the bar [Florida's Standards for Imposing Lawyer Sanctions 9.32(e)], has a physical or mental disability or impairment [Florida's Standards for Imposing Lawyer Sanctions 9.32(h)], has voluntarily sought assistance through Florida Lawyers Assistance, Inc. [Florida's Standards for Imposing Lawyer Sanctions 9.32(j)], has fully complied with the conditions and requirements for Veteran's Court [Florida's Standards for Imposing Lawyer Sanctions 9.32(k)], and is remorseful [Florida's Standards for Imposing Lawyer Sanctions 9.32(l)].

8. The Florida Bar has approved this proposed plea in the manner required by Rule 3-7.9.

9. If this plea is not finally approved by the Board of Governors of The Florida Bar and the Supreme Court of Florida, then it shall be of no effect and may not be used by the parties in any way.

10. Respondent agrees to eliminate all indicia of respondent's status as an attorney on social media, telephone listings, stationery, checks, business cards office signs or any other indicia of respondent's status as an attorney, whatsoever. Respondent will not hold himself out as a licensed attorney during the period of suspension.

11. If this plea is approved, then respondent agrees to pay all reasonable costs associated with this case pursuant to Rule 3-7.6(q) in the amount of \$1,385.06. These costs are due within 30 days of the court order. Respondent agrees that if the costs are not paid within 30 days of this court's order becoming final, respondent shall pay interest on any unpaid costs at the statutory rate. Respondent further agrees not to attempt to discharge the obligation for payment of the bar's costs in any future proceedings, including but not limited to, a petition for bankruptcy. Respondent shall be deemed delinquent and ineligible to practice law pursuant to Rule 1-3.6 if the cost judgment is not satisfied within 30 days of the final court order, unless deferred by the Board of Governors of The Florida Bar.

12. Respondent acknowledges the obligation to pay the costs of this proceeding (and any agreed restitution) and that payment is evidence of strict compliance with the conditions of any disciplinary order or agreement, and is also evidence of good faith and fiscal responsibility. Respondent understands that failure to pay the costs of this proceeding or restitution will reflect adversely on any other bar disciplinary matter in which respondent is involved.

13. If this plea is approved, and restitution is owed, if the person to whom restitution is owed cannot be located after a diligent search, respondent shall execute an affidavit of diligent search and provide same to The Florida Bar and

shall pay the full amount of the restitution to the Clients' Security Fund of The Florida Bar within 30 days of the date of the affidavit of diligent search.

14. This Conditional Guilty Plea for Consent Judgment fully complies with all requirements of the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar.

Dated this 23rd day of June, 2020.



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Dated this 24th day of June, 2020.



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