

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

THE FLORIDA BAR,

Complainant,

v.

AARON DAVID DELGADO,

Respondent.

Supreme Court Case  
No. SC-

The Florida Bar File  
No. 2021-30,793 (9C)

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**CONDITIONAL GUILTY PLEA FOR CONSENT JUDGMENT**

COMES NOW, the undersigned respondent, Aaron David Delgado, 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. 2021-30,793 (9C). Respondent waives the right to a probable cause hearing before a grievance committee and stipulates to a finding of probable cause as to The Florida Bar File No. 2021-30,793 (9C).

3. Respondent is board certified in Criminal Trial Law and has been advised that any disciplinary sanction imposed may adversely affect his board certification. The Board of Legal Specialization and Education has jurisdiction over the revocation of board certification.

4. Respondent is acting freely and voluntarily in this matter and tenders this plea without fear or threat of coercion. Respondent is represented in this matter.

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

A. Public reprimand by publication.

B. Respondent will be placed on probation for 2 years.

Respondent is required to continue to comply with the Florida Lawyers Assistance, Inc. (FLA, Inc.), contract he entered into on August 16, 2021. Respondent will abide by all recommendations made by FLA, Inc.

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 his FLA, Inc. rehabilitation contract, including nonpayment of the monthly monitoring fees. Should respondent fail to pay FLA, Inc., respondent's 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 the monthly monitoring fees.

D. Payment of the bar's disciplinary costs.

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. The Florida Bar opened an investigation in this matter after receiving information from the federal court regarding conversations that were intercepted by law enforcement during a federal investigation. Law enforcement believe that the conversations were for the purchase of contraband. Respondent denies that the conversations were for the purpose of purchasing contraband. Respondent has not been charged criminally in regards to the investigation. However, respondent admits that the communications had the appearance of impropriety and not becoming of a lawyer.

B. By reason of the foregoing, respondent admits his conduct violated Rule 3-4.3 [Misconduct and Minor Misconduct].

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

8. 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.

9. 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 \$1,628.32. 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.

10. Respondent acknowledges the obligation to pay the costs of this proceeding 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 will reflect adversely on any other bar disciplinary matter in which respondent is involved.

11. 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.

12. In mitigation, respondent has no prior disciplinary history [Florida's Standards for Imposing Lawyer Sanction 3.3(b)(1)], has a good reputation [Florida's Standards for Imposing Lawyer Sanction 3.3(b)(7)], is participating in Florida Lawyers Assistance [Florida's Standards for Imposing Lawyer Sanction 3.3(b)(10)], and is remorseful [Florida's Standards for Imposing Lawyer Sanction 3.3(b)(12)].

13. In aggravation, respondent has substantial experience in the practice of law [Florida's Standards for Imposing Lawyer Sanction 3.2(b)(9)].


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

Dated this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2022.



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