

# Supreme Court of Florida

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2020

**CASE NO.: SC19-562**

Lower Tribunal No(s):  
2018-70,160(11J)

THE FLORIDA BAR

vs. STEPHEN GUTIERREZ

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Complainant(s)

Respondent(s)

Upon consideration of the Report of Referee, the Unconditional Guilty Plea and Consent Judgment for Discipline, and the responses to this Court's order dated October 25, 2019, the Report of Referee is approved in its entirety and Respondent is hereby suspended from the practice of law for ninety-one 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.

Upon his reinstatement, respondent shall be placed on probation for two years under the terms and conditions set forth in the Report of Referee and consent

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judgment. Respondent is further ordered to fully comply with all other terms and conditions of the Report of Referee and consent judgment.

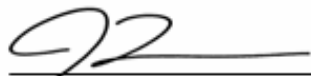
Judgment is entered for The Florida Bar, 651 East Jefferson Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2300, for recovery of costs from Stephen Gutierrez in the amount of \$2,256.00, for which sum let execution issue.

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, and MUÑIZ, JJ., concur.

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Clerk, Supreme Court



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HON. CHRISTINE BANDIN, JUDGE  
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