## Supreme Court of Florida

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2018

**CASE NO.: SC16-2048** 

Lower Tribunal No(s).:

2014-70,741(11L); 2015-70,723(11L);

2016-70,431(11L); 2016-70,637(11L)

THE FLORIDA BAR

vs. ALEXANDER JOHN MICHAELS

Complainant(s)

Respondent(s)

The uncontested report of the referee is approved and respondent is suspended from the practice of law for six months, 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 shall provide a written letter of apology to each of the Assistant State Attorneys Kathleen Hoague, Erica Lounsberry, Nilo Cuervo, and Allison Freidin, under the terms and conditions of the report and consent judgment.

Upon reinstatement, respondent is further placed on probation for three years under the terms and conditions set forth in the report and consent judgment.

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

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Judgment is entered for The Florida Bar, 651 East Jefferson Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2300, for recovery of costs from Alexander John Michaels in the amount of \$2,062.92, for which sum let execution issue.

NO MOTION FOR REHEARING WILL BE ALLOWED.

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

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Served:

BRIAN LEE TANNEBAUM JENNIFER R. FALCONE ADRIA E. QUINTELA HON. LINDA DIAZ, JUDGE