

Supreme Court of Florida

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2023

The Florida Bar,
Petitioner(s)
v.

SC2023-1406
Lower Tribunal No(s).:
2024-90,005(OSC)

David Luther Woodward,
Respondent(s)

This is before the Court on The Florida Bar's Petition for Contempt and Order to Show Cause.

The Court having issued its Order to Show Cause to Respondent, and Respondent having filed a response to said Order to Show Cause,

IT IS ORDERED that The Florida Bar's petition is granted, and Respondent is held in contempt of this Court's order in *The Florida Bar v. Woodward*, No. SC2020-1842 (Fla. Apr. 14, 2022). The term of probation ordered in that case is terminated, and Respondent is suspended from the practice of law for 91 days, effective 30 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 30 days to protect existing clients, this Court will enter an order making the suspension effective immediately.

Respondent must fully comply with Rule Regulating The Florida Bar 3-5.1(h). Respondent must also fully comply with Rule Regulating The Florida Bar 3-6.1, if applicable. In addition, Respondent will accept no new business from the date this order is filed until he is reinstated.

Before petitioning for reinstatement, Respondent must: (1) undergo a comprehensive mental health and substance abuse evaluation by a professional approved by FLA, Inc.; (2) comply with any recommendations FLA, Inc. may have as a result of the evaluation, including entering into a rehabilitation contract; and (3) receive a recommendation from FLA, Inc. in support of his reinstatement.

Judgment is entered for The Florida Bar, 651 East Jefferson Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2300, for recovery of costs from David Luther Woodward in the amount of \$1,250.00, for which sum let execution issue.

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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.

MUÑIZ, C.J., and CANADY, LABARGA, COURIEL, GROSSHANS, FRANCIS, and SASSO, JJ., concur.

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