

Supreme Court of Florida

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2019

CASE NO.: SC18-186

Lower Tribunal No(s).:

2014-90,154(4A); 2015-00,102(4A); 2016-00,038(4A)

THE FLORIDA BAR

vs. MICHAEL WINSTON LANIER

Complainant(s)

Respondent(s)

Upon consideration of the report of referee and the briefs filed in this case, the referee's findings of fact and recommendations of guilt are hereby approved.

The Court also approves the referee's recommendation as to discipline.

Accordingly, respondent is disbarred, 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 disbarment effective immediately. Respondent shall fully comply with Rule Regulating the Florida Bar 3-5.1(h). Further, respondent shall accept no new business from the date this order is filed.

Judgment is entered for The Florida Bar, 651 East Jefferson Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2300, for recovery of costs from Michael Winston Lanier in the amount of \$2,831.54, for which sum let execution issue.

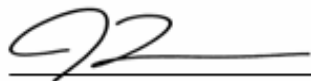
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Not final until time expires to file motion for rehearing, and if filed,
determined. The filing of a motion for rehearing shall not alter the effective date
of this disbarment.

CANADY, C.J., and POLSTON, LABARGA, LAWSON, LAGOA, LUCK, and
MUÑIZ, JJ., concur.

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Served:

CARLOS ALBERTO LEON
MICHAEL WINSTON LANIER
PATRICIA ANN TORO SAVITZ
HON. CHARLES J. TINLIN, JUDGE