

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

THE FLORIDA BAR,

Complainant,

v.

TARICA C. LABOSSIÈRE,

Respondent.

Supreme Court Case
No. SC

The Florida Bar File
No. 2019-50,174(15F)

CONDITIONAL GUILTY PLEA FOR CONSENT JUDGMENT

COMES NOW, the undersigned respondent, Tarica C. LaBossiere, 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 Number set forth above.
3. Respondent waives the right to a probable cause hearing before a grievance committee and stipulates to a finding of probable cause in reference to this matter.

4. Respondent is acting freely and voluntarily in this matter, and tenders this Plea without fear or threat of coercion. Respondent has chosen to represent herself throughout these proceedings.

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

A. An admonishment to be administered in writing by the grievance committee chair upon the Court's approval of the consent judgment;

B. Respondent shall be placed on 2 years of probation with the following conditions:

i. Respondent will enter into a new rehabilitation contract with Florida Lawyers Assistance, Inc. (FLA, Inc.).

Respondent shall abide by all the terms of such contract and shall abide by **all** recommendations of FLA, Inc., for the duration of the entire probationary period, including but not limited to completing an updated evaluation, if needed.

ii. Respondent waives confidentiality so that FLA, Inc. is authorized, and indeed required, to notify The Florida Bar

of respondent's evaluation and progress during the term recommended by FLA, Inc.

iii. Based on this waiver of confidentiality between FLA, Inc. and The Florida Bar, any breach of respondent's FLA, Inc. rehabilitation contract shall be reported immediately to The Florida Bar.

C. All of the foregoing shall be at respondent's expense.

D. Respondent shall pay The Florida Bar's costs in this matter.

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. On or about May 15, 2018, respondent was arrested for driving under the influence after a traffic stop.

B. On August 17, 2018, respondent pled guilty to one count of Driving Under the Influence (Enhanced) in violation of Fla. Stat. §316.193, a misdemeanor.

C. Respondent was sentenced to 12 months' probation, a \$1,000.00 fine and other conditions.

D. Respondent accepted a diversion to FLA, Inc., in or about April, 2019.

E. Respondent failed to comply with her FLA, Inc. contract and the matter was returned to the grievance committee.

F. Respondent admits that her conduct violated R. Regulating Fla. Bar 3-4.3 [Misconduct and Minor Misconduct.]

7. In mitigation of her actions, respondent asserts the following:

- a. Respondent has been a member of The Florida Bar since 2018 and has no previous disciplinary record.
- b. Respondent had no dishonest or selfish motive in this matter.
- c. Respondent suffers from a substance-related disorder.
- d. Respondent is remorseful for her conduct.

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

9. 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.

10. 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 \$1,250.00. These costs are due within 30 days of the court order. Respondent agrees that if the costs are not paid within 30 days of

the 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.

11. Respondent acknowledges the obligation to pay the costs of this proceeding (and any agreed restitution) 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 or restitution will reflect adversely on any other bar disciplinary matter in which respondent is involved.

12. 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.

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

Dated this 5 day of April, 2021.

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