

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

THE FLORIDA BAR,

Supreme Court Case
No. SC-

IN RE:

THE PETITION FOR DISCIPLINARY
REVOCATION OF JOHN MICHAEL
TOPPA III

The Florida Bar File
No. 2020-30,190 (9B) (CDR)

Petitioner.

**PETITION FOR DISCIPLINARY REVOCATION WITH LEAVE TO
APPLY FOR READMISSION**

COMES NOW Petitioner, John Michael Toppa III, and submits this Petition for Disciplinary Revocation pursuant to Rule Regulating Fla. Bar 3-7.12 and states:

1. Petitioner knowingly and voluntarily submits this petition, with leave to reapply for readmission after five (5) years, with full knowledge of its effect.

2. Petitioner is 32 years old and has been a member of The Florida Bar since September 26, 2013, and is subject to the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of Florida and the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar.

3. Petitioner has no prior disciplinary history.

4. The following disciplinary charges are currently pending against the petitioner:

A. TFB File No. 2017-30,756(09B)(CFC) - On September 6, 2019, petitioner was adjudicated guilty on the felony offenses of purchase of a

controlled substance and possession of a controlled substance, as well as the misdemeanor offense of possession of drug paraphernalia, in Brevard County Case No. 05-2017-CF-018645. On September 6, 2019, petitioner was also adjudicated guilty on the felony offenses of bribery and accepting unlawful compensation in Brevard County Case No. 05-2018-CF-012814. Petitioner was sentenced to a prison term of forty-six and 650/1000 (46.650) months followed by a two-year period of probation.

5. Petitioner contends that granting this Petition will not adversely affect the public interest, the integrity of the courts, or the confidence of the public in the legal profession. Further, petitioner contends that granting this Petition will not hinder the administration of justice.

6. Petitioner agrees to reimburse the Client Security Fund (CSF) for any and all funds CSF has paid or may pay out for claims resulting from petitioner's misconduct.

7. Petitioner agrees to reimburse The Florida Bar for the costs incurred in his disciplinary cases.

8. Petitioner agrees to submit to a complete audit of any trust account(s) and any other account(s) in which petitioner has placed client funds, if requested to do so by The Florida Bar.

9. Petitioner further agrees to submit a sworn financial affidavit to The Florida Bar attesting to petitioner's current personal and professional financial circumstances on a form to be provided by The Florida Bar within thirty (30) days, if requested.

10. Petitioner further agrees to maintain a current mailing address with The Florida Bar for a period of five (5) years after the disciplinary revocation becomes final. Further, petitioner shall keep the bar advised as to the physical address of petitioner's home and/or business in the event petitioner should utilize a post office box or other type of mail drop service during the five (5) year period after the disciplinary revocation becomes final.

11. Petitioner agrees to eliminate all indicia of petitioner's status as an attorney on social media, telephone listings, stationery, checks, business cards, office signs, or any other indicia of his status as an attorney, whatsoever. Petitioner will no longer hold himself out as a licensed attorney.

12. Petitioner understands that the granting of this petition by the Supreme Court of Florida shall serve to dismiss all pending disciplinary cases.

WHEREFORE, petitioner respectfully requests that this Court grant this Petition and order that petitioner's membership in The Florida Bar be revoked with leave to seek readmission.

Respectfully submitted,



JOHN MICHAEL TOPPA III

Petitioner

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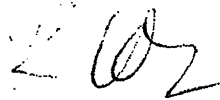
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Dated this 23rd day of Sept., 2019.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that this document has been E-filed with The Honorable John A. Tomasino, Clerk of the Supreme Court of Florida; a copy to Joshua E. Doyle, Executive Director, The Florida Bar, 651 East Jefferson Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, via email at jdoyle@floridabar.org; a copy to Richard Adam Greenberg, Counsel for Petitioner, Rumberger, Kirk and Caldwell, 101 N. Monroe Street, Suite 120, Tallahassee, Florida 32301, via email at rgreenberg@rumberger.com; and to Staff Counsel, The Florida Bar, 651 East Jefferson Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, via email at psavitz@floridabar.org, on this 23rd day of September, 2019.



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