

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

THE FLORIDA BAR,

Supreme Court Case
No. SC20-1602

Complainant,

v.

Florida Bar File

BRUCE JACOBS,

No. 2019-70, 188 (11 H)

No. 2019-70,358 (11H)

Respondent.

No. 2020-70,056 (11 H)

**RESPONDENT'S MOTION TO STAY SUPREME COURT
PROCEEDINGS, CONSOLIDATE FLORIDA BAR COMPLAINT CASE
FILES, AND REMAND CONSOLIDATED CASE FOR EXPEDITED
GRIEVANCE PROCESS AND DISCOVERY TO SUBMIT FOR
EXPEDITED CONSOLIDATED HEARINGS**

Respondent, Bruce Jacobs, Esq., by and through undersigned counsel, files his Motion to Stay Supreme Court Proceedings, Consolidate Florida Bar Complaint Case Files, and Remand Consolidated Cases for Expedited Grievance Process and Discovery to Submit for Expedited Hearings, and in support states:

This appeal involves only 3 of 13 bar complaints filed in the past four years against Bruce Jacobs, Esq. ("Jacobs"), a former Miami Prosecutor, the current Chairman of the Miami-Dade Bar Association Foreclosure Committee, and a nationally recognized foreclosure defense attorney.

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There are no complaints that Jacobs stole money, injured a client, or committed a criminal act that normally result in an emergency disbarment. Yet, The Florida Bar attempted to disbar Jacobs on an emergency basis.

On May 5, 2022, this Honorable Court disapproved of the emergency petition to disbar Jacobs by a 5-2 vote and granted him an opportunity to be heard. Jacobs respectfully submits there are essentially three waves of bar complaints that should all be consolidated into one case as they all involve the same ultimate questions of fact and law.

The Florida Bar insists Jacobs filed dishonest and frivolous pleadings for no other valid purpose than to impugn the integrity of the Third DCA and certain trial court judges. Jacobs insists his pleadings honored his ethical obligation under The Florida Bar rules to report violations of those rules, due process, and the judicial canons. Jacobs submits his speech is protected by the First Amendment, as he is an attorney sworn to zealously advocate and speak out when necessary to protect his clients' constitutional rights, even at his own risk.

Around the time of the bar trial, The Florida Bar opened four new bar complaints against Jacobs in case numbers 2021-70,413 (11H), 2021-70,443 (11H) and 2021-70,447 (11H) or No. 2021-70,190 (11H). Jacobs

responded to three of these complaints in July of 2021, and the fourth in December of 2021. To date, there are no findings of probable cause.

In April and May of 2022, The Florida Bar investigated Jacobs and filed six additional bar complaints, without any indication that anyone filed a formal complaint under case numbers 2022-70,335 (11H), 2022-70,336 (11H), 2022-70,337 (11H), 2022-70,402 (11H), 2022-70,490 (11H), and 2022-70,018 (11H). There has been no probable cause determination on any of these 6 new complaints, or the four prior complaints pending since 2021.

In the interest of justice, this Honorable Court should order these appellate proceedings stayed so all 10 remaining bar complaints can be consolidated, litigated, and resolved as one case. This Honorable Court should resolve whether Jacobs acted unethically only after a full factual record for consideration has been developed and he has a fair opportunity to heard.

RELIEF REQUESTED

WHEREFORE, Respondent Bruce Jacobs, Esq. respectfully requests this Honorable Court stay these proceedings, order this case consolidated with Florida Bar case numbers 2021-70,413 (11H), 2021-70,443 (11H) and 2021-70,447 (11H), 2021-70,190 (11H), 2022-70,335 (11H), 2022-70,336 (11H), 2022-70,337 (11H), 2022-70,402 (11H), 2022-70,490 (11H), and 2022-70,018 (11H), order an expedited grievance process and discovery to submit for expedited hearings, and any further relief deemed mete and just.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished electronically via the Florida Courts E-filing Portal upon all parties listed on the Service List for this case on this 1st day of June, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

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