

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA  
(Before a Referee)

THE FLORIDA BAR,  
Complainant,

SUPREME COURT CASE  
NO. SC20-1777

v.

The Florida Bar File  
No. 2019-10,038(20A)

RAYMOND B. MITCHELL

Respondent.

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO SEEK REVIEW OF REPORTS OF REFEREE**

Raymond B. Mitchell, Respondent, provides Notice to the Florida Supreme Court of his Intent to have the Florida Supreme Court review the two Reports of the Referee Doyle and an Order that affects the Reports (with an explanation for the Order review). Respondent seeks review of the following:

1. Respondent seeks review of the "Interim Report of Referee (As to Guilt Only)", (Doc. 47) dated/signed by Referee on May 7, 2021, and seeks review of the entire Interim Report (of Guilt).
2. Respondent seeks review of the Final "Report of Referee" Amended one (Doc. 61) dated/signed by Referee on June 3, 2021, and seeks review of the entire Report of Referee.
3. Respondent seeks review of "Order Denying Respondent's 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion for Reconsideration or Rehearing" (Doc. 53) dated/signed by

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Referee on May 19, 2021, and seeks review of the entire Order of Referee, and seeks review of Respondent's *2<sup>nd</sup> Motion For Reconsideration Or Rehearing*" (Doc. 51) filed on May 18, 2021 which was filed to stop Referee from filing her Report with false/incorrect testimony of Respondent in the Report (unknowingly) and was granted and admitted orally by Referee at the trial on May 18, 2021 (*since her Report was drafted exactly as the Florida Bar drafted it with the false testimony in their proposed Report without any wording changes at all by Referee*) and Respondent's Motion was initially granted by Referee at the trial on May 18, 2021, with the Referee stating she did remember the true testimony of Respondent as he alleged and that her Report was incorrect and the Referee ordered that the Report be corrected and that the Bar provide that section of the transcript to go along with the amended Report to be written to correct testimony of Respondent, but later in the trial near the end Referee stated she had changed her mind and denied said Motion of Respondent and stated she would not correct the false testimony statements in her Report and Respondent would have to "take it up" with the Florida Supreme Court' (without any explanation of why) and the Referee knowingly allowed false testimony statements of Respondent that the Referee knew is false in her Report of Referee (by her own statements

at the trial as Referee never stated the statements were correct and admitted they were incorrect), which resulted in the Report making Respondent guilty of stating something he knew was false against Judge Hawthorne in the Report and thus one of the ethics Rules was violated by Respondent, but it was not true at all even by the Referee's own admission during the trial. This Order directly affects the Referee's Reports regarding recommended guilt and punishment of Respondent.

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I **CERTIFY** that a copy of Respondent's *Notice Of Intent To Seek Review Of Reports Of Referee* was furnished by Email to: Joi L. Pearsall at [jpearsall@floridabar.org](mailto:jpearsall@floridabar.org) and to [esanchez@floridabar.org](mailto:esanchez@floridabar.org) and [psavitz@floridabar.org](mailto:psavitz@floridabar.org); and to the email for Judge Heather Doyle, Referee, Manatee County Judicial Center, Bradenton, Florida at Email: [codivision3@jud12.flcourts.org](mailto:codivision3@jud12.flcourts.org), on August 13, 2021.

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