

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

THE FLORIDA BAR,

Supreme Court Case  
No.

IN RE:  
THE PETITION FOR  
DISCIPLINARY REVOCATION OF  
JON B. LINDEMAN, JR.

The Florida Bar File  
No. 2020-70,446(11N-FDR)

Petitioner.

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

COMES NOW Petitioner, Jon B. Lindeman, Jr. 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 full knowledge of its effect.
2. Petitioner is 57 years old and has been a member of The Florida Bar since October 8, 1999, and is subject to the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of Florida and the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar.
3. The following disciplinary charges are currently pending against the petitioner:
  - A. Petitioner is the respondent in Supreme Court case no. SC19-654 which is pending before a referee and is comprised of nine counts involving nine Bar files as referenced below:

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- i. The Florida Bar file no. 2015-70,701(11N) involves allegations of lack of diligence, lack of communication, excessive fees, failure to supervise a nonlawyer employee and unlicensed practice of law regarding representation in a mortgage modification matter.
- ii. The Florida Bar file no. 2018-70,076(11N) involves allegations of lack of diligence, lack of communication, excessive fees, and dishonesty regarding representation in a mortgage modification matter.
- iii. The Florida Bar file no. 2016-70,283(11N) involves allegations of lack of diligence and excessive fees regarding representation in a mortgage modification matter.
- iv. The Florida Bar file no. 2017-70,080(11N) involves allegations of lack of diligence and lack of communication regarding representation in a foreclosure defense and mortgage modification matter.
- v. The Florida Bar file no. 2016-70,658(11N) involves allegations of lack of diligence, lack of communication, dishonesty and conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice regarding representation in a foreclosure defense and mortgage modification matter.
- vi. The Florida Bar file no. 2017-70,183(11N) involves allegations of failure to supervise a nonlawyer employee and unlicensed practice of law regarding representation in a foreclosure defense matter.
- vii. The Florida Bar file no. 2016-70,323(11N) involves allegations of lack of competence, excessive fees, failure to make reasonable efforts to ensure a subordinate lawyer is operating in conformity with the Rules of Professional Conduct, failure to supervise a nonlawyer employee and unlicensed practice of law regarding representation in an immigration matter.

- viii. The Florida Bar file no. 2016-70,591(11N) involves allegations of lack of competence, lack of communication, excessive fees, failure to supervise a nonlawyer employee and unlicensed practice of law regarding representation in an immigration matter.
- ix. The Florida Bar file no. 2017-70,312(11N) involves the allegation of failure to respond to the Bar concerning a grievance involving representation in a loan modification matter.

B. Petitioner is the respondent in Supreme Court case no. SC19-220 [The Florida Bar file no. 2019-70,447(11N-OSC)] which is pending before a referee involving an order to show cause entered by the Court due to allegations of failure to respond to official Bar inquiries.

C. Petitioner is the respondent in Supreme Court case no. SC19-1523 [The Florida Bar file no. 2020-70,135(11N-OSC)] which is pending before a referee involving an order to show cause entered by the Court due to allegations of failure to respond to Bar subpoenas duces tecum.

D. Petitioner is the respondent in Supreme Court case no. SC19-1991 [The Florida Bar file no. 2020-70,281(11N-OSC)] which is pending at the Court involving an order to show cause entered by the Court due to allegations of failure to fully comply with a Bar subpoena duces tecum.

E. Petitioner is the respondent in The Florida Bar file nos. 2018-70,439(11N), 2018-70,664(11N) and 2020-70,022(11N) which are pending before a grievance committee. These files involve allegations that:

- i. Petitioner held real estate seminars, the primary emphasis of which was how participants could make profits by buying, rehabilitating and selling single family homes (flipping).
- ii. After the seminars concluded, petitioner entered into "Corporate Real Estate Package (Legal Retainer)" agreements with each of the complainants. Each of the complainants paid the agreed legal fees. There were several different levels of service, but they generally included preparation of wills, trusts, corporate formations, legal consultation, negotiation of contracts and other legal services.
- iii. In addition, petitioner, through "The Lindeman Group" provided services related to finding properties, hiring contractors, disbursing funds to subcontractors, getting construction loans and other services.
- iv. Each of the complainants contend that petitioner failed to provide the agreed upon services pursuant to the aforementioned agreements.

F. Petitioner is the respondent in The Florida Bar file no. 2019-70,041(11N) which is pending before a grievance committee. This file involves allegations that complainant attended one of respondent's real estate seminars and entered into a "Corporate Real Estate Package (Legal Retainer)" agreement with petitioner and paid the agreed legal fees. Subsequently, respondent assisted complainant with a joint venture agreement that she entered into with another

entity. Complainant contends that respondent improperly favored the other entity and failed to account for funds and other fees he received in the process.

G. Petitioner is the respondent in The Florida Bar file nos. 2015-70,653(11N), 2018-70,660(11N), and 2018-70,672(11N) which are pending at staff level. The above-mentioned files have been placed on monitor status due to civil proceedings in re: *United States of America v. Advocate Law Group of Florida P.A., Jon B Lindeman Jr., and Ephigenia K. Lindeman*; Case No. 6:18-cv-01836 pending in the U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida, Orlando Division. The civil case involves allegations of housing discrimination and violations of the Fair Housing Act.

4. 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.

5. 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.

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

7. 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.

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. 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.

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

12. Petitioner by his signature below does not make any factual

admissions regarding the matters referenced herein but does agree with the Bar that the referenced allegations have been made.

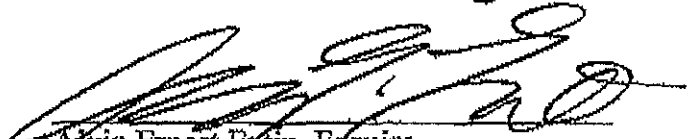
WHEREFORE, Petitioner respectfully requests that this Court grant this Petition and order that Petitioner's membership in The Florida Bar be revoked with leave to seek readmission.

Respectfully submitted,



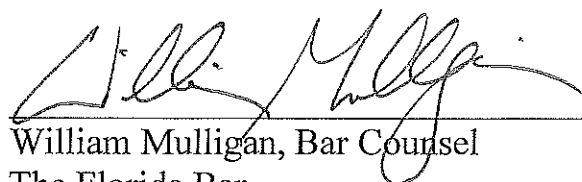
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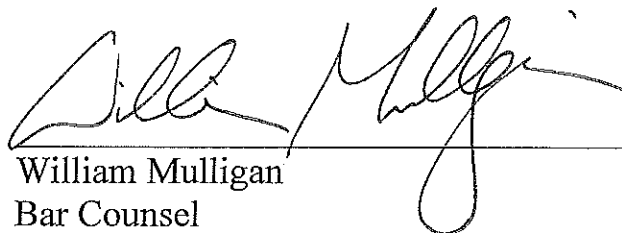
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Dated this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2020.

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that this Petition for Disciplinary Revocation with Leave to Apply for Readmission has been E-filed with The Honorable John A. Tomasino, Clerk of the Supreme Court of Florida with a copy provided via United States Mail to Joshua E. Doyle, Executive Director, The Florida Bar, 651 E. Jefferson Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-230; with a copy to Alvin Ernest Entin, Counsel for Petitioner, via email using the e-filing portal to [aentin@hotmail.com](mailto:aentin@hotmail.com) and [AEELegalAssistant@entinlaw.com](mailto:AEELegalAssistant@entinlaw.com); and to Patti Ann Toro Savitz, Staff Counsel, The Florida Bar, via email using the e-filing portal to [psavitz@floridabar.org](mailto:psavitz@floridabar.org), on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2020.



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