

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

THE FLORIDA BAR,

Complainant,

v.

SCOT STREMS,

Respondent.

Supreme Court Case
No. SC20-842

The Florida Bar File
No. 2019-70,468 (11C)

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO SEEK REVIEW OF REPORT OF REFEREE

COMES NOW, The Florida Bar, pursuant to Rule 3-7.7(c)(1) of the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar and files this Notice of Intent to Seek Review of Report of Referee and says:

1. The bar requests this court review the report of referee docketed on April 7, 2021.
2. The referee recommends a public reprimand and payment of the disciplinary costs.
3. At its meeting that ended May 21, 2021, the Board of Governors of The Florida Bar (the "Board") considered this case, and voted to file a Notice of Intent to Seek Review of Report of Referee. More specifically, the Board voted to seek review of:

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- a. The Referee's findings in the guilt phase, including the Referee's failure to find guilt as to the alleged violations of Rules 4-1.2(a); 4-1.5; 4-1.7(a)(2), 4-1.8, 4-8.1, and 4-8.4(a) and (c); and
- b. The Referee's recommended sanction of public reprimand. Based on the Standards, including the aggravating and mitigating factors that the Bar maintains that the Referee should have found, and the relevant cases, The Bar will seek permanent disbarment.

4. Complainant's brief in support of this petition for review will be timely filed pursuant to Rule 3-7.7(c)(3).

WHEREFORE, The Florida Bar prays this honorable court review the referees report and record together with the briefs submitted in support of this Notice of Intent to Seek Review of Report of Referee.

Respectfully submitted,



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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, using the E-filing portal, with a copy provided to Scott K. Tozian, Attorney for Respondent, at stozian@smithtozian.com; to Benedict P. Kuehne, Attorney for Respondent, at ben.kuehne@kuehnelaw.com; to Nelson D. Diaz, Attorney for Respondent, at ndiaz@lnllawgroup.com; and to Patricia Ann Toro Savitz, Staff Counsel, at psavitz@floridabar.org this 2nd day of June, 2021.



J. Derek Womack
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