

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA
(Before a Grievance Committee)

THE FLORIDA BAR,
Complainant,

The Florida Bar File
No. 2021-10,641 (12B)

v.

MARK D. SIEGEL,
Respondent.

_____/

**GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE FINDING OF NON-COMPLIANCE AND
FAILURE TO RESPOND TO OFFICIAL BAR INQUIRY AND
CONTEMPT**

On October 25, 2021, pursuant to Rule 3-7.11(f), Rules Regulating The Florida Bar, the Twelfth Judicial Circuit Grievance Committee “B” considered whether to issue a Finding of Non-Compliance and Failure to Respond to Official Bar Inquiry and Finding of Contempt and made the following findings:

1. On June 22, 2021, The Florida Bar sent respondent a letter by regular U.S. Mail to respondent's record Bar address advising of a complaint in this case and was requested to respond by July 7, 2021. A copy of the letter is attached hereto as "Exhibit A".

2. Respondent failed to respond to The Florida Bar as requested in the letter of June 22, 2021.

3. On July 20, 2021, respondent was sent another letter, by certified U.S. Mail and regular U.S. Mail to respondent's record Bar address, advising of a

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complaint in this case and was requested to respond in ten days to the letter. A copy of the letter is attached hereto as "Exhibit B".

4. Respondent failed to respond to The Florida Bar as requested in the letter of July 20, 2021.

5. On August 23, 2021, respondent was sent another letter, by certified U.S. Mail and regular U.S. Mail to respondent's record bar address, advising of a complaint in this case and was requested to respond in ten days to the letter. A copy of the letter is attached hereto as "Exhibit C".

6. Respondent failed to respond to The Florida Bar as requested in the letter of August 23, 2021.

7. On October 20, 2021, respondent was given notice that on October 25, 2021, the Twelfth Judicial Circuit Grievance Committee "B" would hold a hearing on the Request for Issuance of Notice of Non-Compliance and Finding of Contempt. A copy of the Notice of Hearing and the Request for Issuance of Notice of Non-Compliance and Finding of Contempt are attached hereto as "Exhibit D".

8. On the date of the meeting, October 25, 2021, respondent sent the bar a response to the Request for Issuance of Notice of Non-Compliance and Finding of Contempt. A copy of the response is attached hereto as "Exhibit E".

9. The response provided an explanation for respondent's failure to respond to the bar complaint and requested he not be found non-compliant with same. However, the response did not respond to the bar complaint.

10. As of the date of this Request for Issuance of Notice of Non-Compliance and Finding of Contempt, respondent has failed to respond to the official bar inquiries dated June 22, 2021, July 20, 2021, and August 23, 2021.

11. The Grievance Committee found that Respondent failed to show good cause for failing to respond to the official bar inquiries. Further, the Grievance Committee found that by providing a written response to the Notice for Request for Issuance of Notice of Non-Compliance and Finding of Contempt and not a written response to the bar complaint, respondent willfully failed to respond to official bar inquiries.

12. The Grievance Committee found Respondent to be in contempt and requested The Florida Bar to file a Petition for Contempt and Order to Show Cause with the Supreme Court.

Dated this 2nd day of November, 2021.



Darlene Ragoonanan, Chair
Twelfth Judicial Circuit
Grievance Committee "B"

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify this document has been furnished by regular U.S. Mail, Certified Mail No. 7016 0750 0000 7021 0093, Return Receipt Requested, and email to Mark D. Siegel, Respondent, 3205 Southgate Circle, Suite 4, Sarasota, FL 34239-5514; msiegel@lawsarasota.com; with copies via email to F. Scott Westheimer, Designated Reviewer, at swestheimer@smrl.com; and to Patricia Ann Toro Savitz, Staff Counsel, The Florida Bar, at psavitz@floridabar.org, this 2nd day of November, 2021.



Lindsey Margaret Guinand, Bar Counsel



The Florida Bar

651 East Jefferson Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-2300

Joshua E. Doyle
Executive Director

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June 22, 2021

Mr. Mark D Siegel
3205 Southgate Cir Ste 4
Sarasota, FL 34239-5514

Re: Complaint by Mark Willett against Mark D Siegel
The Florida Bar File No. 2021-10,641 (12B)

Dear Mr. Siegel:

Enclosed is a copy of an inquiry/complaint and any supporting documents submitted by the above referenced complainant(s). Your response to this complaint is required under the provisions of Rule 4-8.4(g), Rules of Professional Conduct of the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar, and is due in our office by **July 7, 2021**. **Responses should not exceed 25 pages** and may refer to any additional documents or exhibits that are available on request. Failure to provide a written response to this complaint is in itself a violation of Rule 4-8.4(g). Please note that any correspondence must be sent through the U.S. mail; we cannot accept faxed material. **You are further required to furnish the complainant with a complete copy of your written response, including any documents submitted therewith.**

Pursuant to Rule 3-7.1(f), Rules of Discipline, you are further required to complete and return the enclosed Certificate of Disclosure form.

Finally, the filing of this complaint does not preclude communication between the attorney and the complainant(s). Please review the enclosed Notice for information on submitting your response.

Sincerely,

Carlos A. Leon, Bar Counsel
Attorney/Consumer Assistance Program
ACAP Hotline 866-352-0707

Enclosures

cc: Mr. Mark Willett

Exhibit A

Pursuant to Rule 3-7.1(f) of the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar, you must execute the applicable section of this form and return it to my attention. The rule provides that the nature of the charges be described in the notice to your firm or you may attach a copy of the complaint.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this _____ day of _____, 20____, a true copy of the foregoing disclosure was furnished to _____, a member of my present law firm of _____, and, if different, to _____, a member of the law firm of _____, with which I was associated at the time of the act(s) giving rise to the complaint in The Florida Bar File No. 2021-10,641 (12B).

Mark D Siegel

CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE
(Corporate/Government Employment)

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this _____ day of _____, 20____, a true copy of the foregoing disclosure was furnished to _____, my supervisor at _____ (name of agency), with which I was associated at the time of the act(s) giving rise to the complaint in The Florida Bar File No. 2021-10,641 (12B).

Mark D Siegel

CERTIFICATE OF NON-LAW FIRM AFFILIATION
(Sole Practitioner)

I HEREBY CERTIFY to The Florida Bar on this _____ day of _____, 20____, that I am not presently affiliated with a law firm and was not affiliated with a law firm at the time of the act(s) giving rise to the complaint in The Florida Bar File No. 2021-10,641 (12B).

Mark D Siegel

NOTICE OF GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

1. The enclosed letter is an official inquiry by bar counsel. Your response is required under Rule 4-8.4(g) of the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar. Rule 4-8.4(g)(1) and (2) require that a lawyer submit a written response within 15 days to an initial inquiry and within 10 days to any follow-up inquiry made by bar counsel, the grievance committee or the board of governors during the course of an investigation of the lawyer's conduct. If you do not respond, the matter will be forwarded to the grievance committee for disposition in accordance with Rule 3-7.3. Failure to respond may also be a matter of contempt and processed in accordance with Rule 3-7.11(f).
2. Many inquiries considered first by staff counsel are not forwarded to a grievance committee, as they do not involve violations of the Rules of Professional Conduct justifying disciplinary action.
3. Pursuant to Rule 3-7.1, any reports, correspondence, papers, recordings and/or transcripts of hearings submitted by you in this matter shall become accessible to the public upon dismissal or a decision by the grievance committee. Please advise Bar Counsel if you believe any material provided to The Florida Bar is confidential under applicable law and identify the basis of your claim that the material is confidential. Please note that The Florida Bar is required to acknowledge the status of proceedings during the pendency of an investigation, if a specific inquiry is made and the matter is deemed to be in the public domain.
4. The grievance committee is the Bar's "grand jury." Proceedings before the grievance committee are non-adversarial in nature. The grievance committee's function and procedures are set forth in Rule 3-7.4.
5. If the grievance committee finds probable cause, formal adversarial proceedings before the Supreme Court of Florida will be initiated pursuant to Rule 3-7.6. A referee will make a recommendation as to guilt and discipline to The Supreme Court of Florida, unless a plea is submitted pursuant to Rule 3-7.9.



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July 20, 2021

Mr. Mark D. Siegel
3205 Southgate Cir Ste 4
Sarasota, FL 34239-5514

Re: Complaint by Mark Willett against Mark D. Siegel
The Florida Bar File No. 2021-10,641(12B)

Dear Mr. Siegel:

As of this date, I have not received a copy of your response to the above complaint. Please be advised that you are obligated to provide a written response pursuant to Rule 4-8.4(g).

If you do not respond by **July 30, 2021**, the matter may be forwarded to the grievance committee for further investigation.

Sincerely,

Carlos A. Leon, Bar Counsel
Attorney/Consumer Assistance Program
ACAP Hotline 866-352-0707

cc: Mr. Mark Willett

Exhibit B

Received Mon 08/23/2021 9:43AM
From Njahla Stanley
Subject Mark D. Siegel, TFB File No. 2021-10,641 (12B)
To msiegel@lawsarasota.com
cc heritageap@aol.com; Guinand, Lindsey
bcc

Respondent Ltr - No Response to 15 Day Ltr Received.doc.pdf	Object_B5F8ADA_0.PDF	Object_B5FD6E6_0.DOC.pdf	Respondent Ltr - No Response to 15 Day Ltr Received.doc(1).pdf
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Dear Mr. Siegel:

On behalf of Lindsey Guinand, Bar Counsel, please see the attached letters and complaint. A response is required on or before September 3, 2021.

Respondent Ltr - No Response to 15 Day Ltr Received - 8.23.21

(See attached file: Respondent Ltr - No Response to 15 Day Ltr Received.doc.pdf)

Initial Complaint

(See attached file: Object_B5F8ADA_0.PDF)

Respondent Ltr - 15 Day Letter

(See attached file: Object_B5FD6E6_0.DOC.pdf)

Respondent Ltr - No Response to 15 Day Ltr Received

(See attached file: Respondent Ltr - No Response to 15 Day Ltr Received.doc.pdf)

Sincerely,

Njahla A. Stanley
Legal Assistant to
Katrina S. Brown, Bar Counsel
Lindsey M. Guinand, Bar Counsel
The Florida Bar
Tampa Branch
Ph: (813) 875-9821
nstanley@floridabar.org

Please note: Florida has very broad public records laws. Many written communications to or from The Florida Bar regarding Bar business may be considered public records, which must be made available to anyone upon request. Your e-mail communications may therefore be subject to public disclosure.

Exhibit C



The Florida Bar

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Joshua E. Doyle
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August 23, 2021

**Via Regular Mail and
Email to msiegel@lawsarasota.com**

Mark D. Siegel
3205 Southgate Cir., Ste. 4
Sarasota, FL 34239-5514

Re: Complaint by Mark Willett against Mark D. Siegel
The Florida Bar File No. 2021-10,641 (12B)

Dear Mr. Siegel:

Please be advised that this case was recently transferred to the Tampa Branch Office of The Florida Bar. Please send all correspondence in this matter, referencing the above case number to the attention of the undersigned, preferably by electronic mail or by U.S. Mail at the following address:

Lindsey Margaret Guinand
The Florida Bar
2002 N. Lois Ave., Suite 300
Tampa, Florida 33607-2386
lguinand@floridabar.org

As of this date, I have not received a copy of your response to the above complaint. Please be advised that you are obligated to provide a written response pursuant to Rule 4-8.4(g). If you do not respond by **September 3, 2021**, the matter may be forwarded to the grievance committee for further investigation.

Further, the respondent and complainant are directed to notify this office, in writing, of any pending civil, criminal, or administrative litigation which pertains to this grievance. Please note that this is a continuing obligation should new litigation develop during the pendency of this matter.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lindy Guinand".

Lindsey Margaret Guinand
Bar Counsel

cc: Mark Willett, Complainant

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THE FLORIDA BAR,

Complainant,

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MARK D. SIEGEL,

Respondent.

**REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANCE
AND FINDING OF CONTEMPT**

Pursuant to Rule 3-7.11(f)(2), Rules Regulating The Florida Bar, the undersigned Bar Counsel requests that on October 25, 2021, the Twelfth Judicial Circuit Grievance Committee "B", hear the issue of whether respondent shall be found in contempt for failure to respond to an official Bar inquiry without good cause shown and states the following:

1. On June 22, 2021, respondent was sent a letter by regular U.S. Mail to respondent's record bar address advising of a complaint in this case and was requested to respond by July 7, 2021. A copy of the letter is attached hereto as "Exhibit A".

2. Respondent failed to respond to The Florida Bar as requested in the letter of June 22, 2021.

Exhibit D

3. On July 20, 2021, respondent was sent another letter, by regular U.S. mail to respondent's record bar address, advising of a complaint in this case and was requested to respond in ten days to the letter. A copy of the letter is attached hereto as "Exhibit B".

4. Respondent failed to respond to The Florida Bar as requested in the letter of July 20, 2021.

5. On August 23, 2021, respondent was sent another letter, by regular U.S. mail to respondent's record bar address and by email to respondent's record bar email address, advising of a complaint in this case and was requested to respond in ten days to the letter. A copy of the letter is attached hereto as "Exhibit C".

6. Respondent failed to respond to The Florida Bar as requested in the letter of August 23, 2021.

7. As of the date of this Request for Issuance of Notice of Non-Compliance and Finding of Contempt, the respondent has willfully failed to respond to an official Bar inquiry without good cause.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned Bar Counsel respectfully requests that this Grievance Committee issue its findings as to whether respondent has willfully failed to respond to an official Bar inquiry and whether respondent should be held in contempt for failure to respond to an official Bar inquiry.

Respectfully submitted,



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(813) 875-9821
Florida Bar No. 100030
lguinand@floridabar.org

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify this document has been furnished by regular U.S. Mail, Certified Mail No. 7019 0700 0002 2245 5046, Return Receipt Requested, and email to Mark D. Siegel, Respondent, 3205 Southgate Circle, Suite 4, Sarasota, FL 34239-5514; msiegel@lawsarasota.com; with copies via email to Darlene Ragoonanan, Chair, at dragoonanan@sao12.org; to F. Scott Westheimer, Designated Reviewer, at swestheimer@smrl.com; and to Patricia Ann Toro Savitz, Staff Counsel, The Florida Bar, at psavitz@floridabar.org, dated this 20th day of October, 2021.



Lindsey Margaret Guinand, Bar Counsel

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THE FLORIDA BAR,

Complainant,

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MARK D. SIEGEL,

Respondent.

The Florida Bar File
No. 2021-10,641(12B)

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**Statement In Response To Request for Notice of Non-Compliance
and Finding of Contempt**

Respondent, Mark D. Siegel, pursuant to communication with Florida Bar Counsel, does hereby submit the following statement in response to the Request for Issuance of Notice of Non-Compliance and Finding of Contempt (hereinafter "Request"):

1. Bar Counsel alleges that on June 22, 2012, I was sent a letter by regular U.S. Mail. A copy of the letter is attached to the Request. The attached letter is a transmittal letter. I state under penalties of perjury that I have never previously seen this letter. I generally get US Mail, but apparently did not get this one. The letter refers to an enclosure - the 'inquiry/complaint' Complaint to which I was to respond by July 7, 2012. I was not aware of the deadline at all. I would be most willing to respond the 'inquiry/complaint' referred to in the June 22 letter. .
2. This paragraph of the Request alleges that I failed to respond by July 7, 2021 to the Florida Bar as requested by the June 22, 2012 letter. This allegation is admitted with the response that I had no knowledge of the June 22, 2012 letter or the July 7 deadline set in it.
3. Bar Counsel next alleges that a second letter was sent to me dated July 20, 2021 which contained a response deadline of ten day. In the time since last Friday,

Exhibit E

October 22, 2021, when I discovered the correspondence from Bar Counsel in my bulk mail folder and telephoned Bar Counsel, I seem to recall getting an envelope from The Florida Bar during the past summer. At the time, I was quickly gathering things to take with me to go on an appointment and then to my home office. I have looked thoroughly throughout both offices and places in between, but have not located this letter. Thus, the allegations of this paragraph are not disputed except to say that I did not read and cannot now locate this letter.

4. This paragraph alleges that I did not timely respond to Bar Counsel by the deadline set in the July 29 letter. This allegation is not disputed, subject to the above response.
5. Bar Counsel next alleges that another letter was sent to be by US Mail and email on August 23, 2021. Perhaps this letter is the envelope that was misplaced by me on my way from my office to my home office. I have not seen it before opening the attachment to the recent email, which I found in my bulk mail folder. I did not get the letter either by mail or email.
6. The allegation in this paragraph that I did not respond as requested in the letter of August 23, 2021 is not disputed, subject to the above response.
7. With every respect, I must take exception and dispute that I have willfully failed to respond to an official Bar inquiry without good cause. I was routinely periodically scanning the contents of my mail account bulk mail folder, which is not the inbox and sometimes referred to as a 'spam' folder. I actively try to limit the amount of email that I am forced to process and frequently find, in general, that people or companies sending me a first correspondence will have their email end up in my

bulk mail folder. That is what happened to the Bar Counsel Correspondence of October 20, 2021, which I did locate in my bulk mail folder and immediately contacted bar counsel on October 22, 2021 through a variety of means.

WHEREFORE, rather than attempting to evade Bar inquiries, I look forward to positively resolving this matter with the Florida Bar.

Dated: October 24, 2021.

/s/ Mark D. Siegel
Mark D. Siegel, Esq.
Respondent
3205 Southgate Circle, Suite 4
Sarasota, Florida 34239
(941) 373-0066 Telephone
(941) 225-2887 Facsimile
FBN: 0382736
Msiegel@LawSarasota.com - e-mail
Msiegel@LegalFla.com - court document service

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of this Response and the Certificate of Non-Law Firm (solo practitioner) Affiliation was served upon Florida Bar Counsel, assistants and interested parties by electronic mail this 25th of October, 2021.

/s/ Mark D. Siegel
Mark D. Siegel, Esq.

Pursuant to Rule 3-7.1(f) of the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar, you must execute the applicable section of this form and return it to my attention. The rule provides that the nature of the charges be described in the notice to your firm or you may attach a copy of the complaint.

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Mark D Siegel

CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE
(Corporate/Government Employment)

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Mark D Siegel

CERTIFICATE OF NON-LAW FIRM AFFILIATION
(Sole Practitioner)

I HEREBY CERTIFY to The Florida Bar on this 24th day of October, 2021, that I am not presently affiliated with a law firm and was not affiliated with a law firm at the time of the act(s) giving rise to the complaint in The Florida Bar File No. 2021-10,641 (12B).



Mark D Siegel

Received Mon 10/25/2021 3:35PM
From Guinand, Lindsey
Subject RE: Mark D. Siegel, TFB File No. 2021-10,641 (12B)
To Mark D. Siegel; Stanley, Njahla
cc
bcc

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Mr. Siegel,

Per your request, please find Mr. Willett's complaint attached to this email. This is the fourth time the complaint is being sent to you. This will constitute another official bar inquiry, pursuant to Rule 4-8.4(g). Please provide a response to the allegations on or before **Friday, October 29, 2021.**

Thank you,

Lindsey M. Guinand, Esq.
Senior Bar Counsel
Lawyer Regulation
The Florida Bar, Tampa Branch
2002 N. Lois Ave, Suite 300
Tampa, Florida 33607
P: 813-875-9821
Email: lguinand@floridabar.org | Website: www.floridabar.org



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From: Mark D. Siegel <MSiegel@lawsarasota.com>
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 3:25 PM
To: Guinand, Lindsey <LGuinand@floridabar.org>; Stanley, Njahla <NStanley@floridabar.org>
Subject: RE: Mark D. Siegel, TFB File No. 2021-10,641 (12B)

Hello,

Thank you for reviewing my response to the Bar's request. As I said in my response, I received a Bar Counsel electronic correspondence dated October 20, 2021 (initially in bulk mail folder) that I responded

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to. The email had only one attachment, the Request for Default and Contempt. That request made reference to a 'inquiry/complaint' but did not attach it.

The reason that I did not reply to Mr. Willett's bar complaint is that I have never seen it. It was not attached to the email that did receive.

If someone from the Florida Bar could please email me the complaint as an attachment, I will be most certain to respond with haste.

Thank you in advance,

Mark Siegel



Mark D. Siegel, Esq.
3205 Southgate Circle
Suite 4
Sarasota, FL 34239
(941) 373-0066 telephone
(941) 229-3342 facsimile

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----- Original Message -----

Subject: RE: Mark D. Siegel, TFB File No. 2021-10,641 (12B)
From: "Guinand, Lindsey" <LGuinand@floridabar.org>
Date: Mon, October 25, 2021 3:06 pm
To: "Mark D. Siegel" <MSiegel@lawsarasota.com>, "Stanley, Njahla" <NStanley@floridabar.org>

Mr. Siegel,

We received your response to the request for noncompliance. We did not, however, receive a response to Mr. Willett's bar complaint. All the previous letters sent to you, which are listed in the Request for NonCompliance, requested your written response Mr. Willett's bar complaint. That is what you are obligated to respond to, of which you have not.

Your obligation to respond to the bar complaint will remain outstanding. Please respond to the allegations, in writing. Your certificate of law firm affiliation should be attached to your response

to the bar complaint.

Thank you,

Lindsey M. Guinand, Esq.
Senior Bar Counsel
Lawyer Regulation
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From: Mark D. Siegel <MSiegel@lawsarasota.com>
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 2:18 AM
To: Stanley, Njahla <NStanley@floridabar.org>; Ragoonanan, Darlene <dragoonanan@sao12.org>
Cc: heritageap@aol.com; Guinand, Lindsey <LGuinand@floridabar.org>
Subject: RE: Mark D. Siegel, TFB File No. 2021-10,641 (12B)

Hello,

Please find enclosed my statement in response to the requests for findings of non-compliance and contempt and my Certification of Non-Law Firm Affiliation. I respectfully request notice and an opportunity to be heard and present my defenses to this matter.

Sincerely,

Mark Siegel



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3205 Southgate Circle

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----- Original Message -----

Subject: Mark D. Siegel, TFB File No. 2021-10,641 (12B)
From: Njahla Stanley <NStanley@floridabar.org>
Date: Wed, October 20, 2021 12:19 pm
To: dragoonanan@sao12.org
Cc: heritageap@aol.com, msiegel@lawsarasota.com, LGuinand@floridabar.org

Dear Ms. Ragoonanan:

Please see the attached letter referring the above matter to the grievance committee.

Letter to GCC - IM to be Appointed at next GC Meeting
(See attached file: *Letter to GCC - IM to be Appointed at next GC Meeting.doc.pdf*)

Sincerely,

Njahla A. Stanley
Legal Assistant to
Katrina S. Brown, Bar Counsel
Lindsey M. Guinand, Bar Counsel
The Florida Bar, Tampa Branch
(813) 875-9821
nstanley@floridabar.org

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The Florida Bar
Inquiry/Complaint Form

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FLORIDA

PART ONE (See Page 1, PART ONE – Complainant Information.):

Your Name: MARK WILLET
Organization: PROCESS SERVER 12th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Address: 5357 PALOS VERDES DR
City, State, Zip Code: SARASOTA, FL 34231
Phone: 941-350-9211
Email: heritageap@aol.com
ACAP Reference No.: _____

Does this complaint pertain to a matter currently in litigation? Yes _____ No

PART TWO (See Page 1, PART TWO – Attorney Information.):

Attorney's Name: MARK D SIEGEL Florida Bar No. 382736
Address: 3205 SOUTHGATE CIR, STE #4
City, State, Zip Code: SARASOTA, FL 34239-5514
Telephone: 941-373-0066

PART THREE (See Page 1, PART THREE – Facts/Allegations.): The specific thing or things I am complaining about are: (attach additional sheet).

PART FOUR (See Page 1, PART FOUR – Witnesses.): The witnesses in support of my allegations are: (attach additional sheet).

PART FIVE (See Page 1, PART FIVE – Signature.): Under penalties of perjury, I declare that the foregoing facts are true, correct and complete.

MARK WILLET
Print Name

Mark Willett
Signature

6/15/2021
Date

Mark Willett
Heritage Process
5357 Palos Verdes Dr
Sarasota, FL 34231
941-350-9211

I am a process server in the 12th Judicial Circuit. I received a Summons to be served on Mark D. Siegel at 5220 Landings Blvd, Suite 104 Sarasota, FL 34231. Cynthia Willett attempted service 5/18/2021 at 9:10 AM; 5/18/2021 at 3:10 PM at the residential address above. The security officer at the subdivision said that Mr. Siegel comes and goes often with no set schedule.

I found out that Mr. Siegel was an attorney and I called and left him a message. At 9:30 AM on 5/20/2021 I said that with him being an attorney we would extend him the courtesy of calling us and scheduling service at a time convenient to him at home, his office or anywhere else within the county.

At 9:50 AM 5/20/2021 Cynthia Willett attempted service at 3205 Southgate Cir, Ste #4 Sarasota, FL 34239. This address is his address of record with the Florida Bar. There was no answer at the door.

I called and left several similar messages with Mr. Siegel over the next 2 weeks. I said, "that as a court officer avoiding service was not appropriate." I attempted service at his residential address on 5/25/2021 at 5:15 PM; on 5/26/2021 at 6:55 AM. There was no answer. During both attempts I left a card with a note on the front door. Mr. Siegel dialed my number once and as soon as I said I had a Summons for him he hung up. On 5/25/2021 at 2:55 PM I attempted service at his office address. There was no answer and I left a card on the door. On 5/28/2021 at 11:00 AM Cynthia Willett attempted service at Mr. Siegel's office. There was no answer and the note left previously by me was gone.

I feel that adequate attempts and notifications have been made to insure that Mr. Siegel knows that an authorized process server is attempting to serve process on him. I do not feel as an officer of the court Mr. Siegel's avoiding service is professional or ethical.

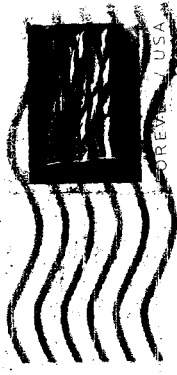
Sincerely,



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