

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

THE FLORIDA BAR,

Supreme Court Case  
No. SC-

IN RE:  
THE PETITION FOR DISCIPLINARY  
REVOCATION OF JOHN WILLIAM SCHMITZ,

The Florida Bar File  
No. 2022-70,254(11J)(MDR)

Petitioner.

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

COMES NOW Petitioner, John William Schmitz, 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  
leave to apply for readmission after five (5) years, with full knowledge of its  
effect.
2. Petitioner is 68 years old and has been a member of The  
Florida Bar since June 22, 1978 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:

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A. The Florida Bar File No. 2020-70,169(11J) is pending before a referee and stems from findings in civil proceedings in which petitioner is a party. The circuit court rulings in those proceedings reflect the court's findings that petitioner engaged in multiple discovery violations and failures to abide by the court's rulings.

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, to wit: \$1,250.00 for administrative costs.

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 email, social media, telephone listings, stationery, checks, business cards, office signs or any other indicia of petitioner's 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.

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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Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2021.



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Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2021.

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that I have served the foregoing Petition for Disciplinary Revocation With Leave to Apply for Readmission on Arlene Kalish Sankel, Chief Branch Discipline Counsel, The Florida Bar, via email to [asankel@floridabar.org](mailto:asankel@floridabar.org), on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2021 for E-filing with The Honorable John A. Tomasino, Clerk of the Supreme Court of Florida, using the E-filing portal.



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