

Supreme Court of Florida

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2022

CASE NO.: SC22-1548

Lower Tribunal No(s).:
2023-00,152(2B)NES

THE FLORIDA BAR

vs. JENNIFER PEREZ

Petitioner(s)

Respondent(s)

The Petition for Emergency Suspension filed pursuant to Rule 3-5.2 of the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar is approved, and it is hereby ordered that respondent is suspended from the practice of law until further order of this Court, and respondent is ordered:

a. to accept no new clients from the date of this Court's order and to cease representing any clients after 30 days from the date of this Court's order. Within the 30 days from the date of this Court's order, respondent shall wind down all pending matters and shall not initiate any litigation on behalf of clients. Respondent shall withdraw from all representation within 30 days from the date of this Court's order. In addition, respondent shall cease acting as personal representative for any estate, as guardian for any ward, and as trustee for any trust and will withdraw from said representation within thirty days from the date of this court's order and will immediately turn over to any successor the complete financial records of any estate, guardianship, or trust upon the successor's appointment.

b. to furnish a copy of the suspension order to all clients, opposing counsel and courts before which respondent is counsel of record as required by Rule 3-5.1(h) of the Rules of Discipline of The Florida Bar and to furnish Bar Staff Counsel with the requisite affidavit listing all clients, opposing counsel and courts so informed within 30 days after receipt of the court's order. Respondent shall also fully comply with Rule Regulating The Florida Bar 3-6.1, if applicable.

c. to refrain from withdrawing or disbursing any money from any trust account related to respondent's law practice until further

order of this court, a judicial referee appointed by this court or by order of the Circuit Court in an inventory attorney proceeding instituted under R. Regulating Fla. Bar 1-3.8, and to deposit any fees, or other sums received in connection with the practice of law or in connection with the respondent's employment as a personal representative, guardian or trustee, paid to the respondent after issuance of this Court's order of emergency suspension, into a specified trust account from which withdrawal may only be made in accordance with restrictions imposed by this Court. Further, respondent shall be required to notify Bar counsel of The Florida Bar of the receipt and location of said funds immediately upon issuance of the order of emergency suspension.

d. to not withdraw any money from any trust account or other financial institution account related to respondent's law practice or transfer any ownership of any real or personal property purchased in whole or in part with funds properly belonging to clients, probate estates for which respondent served as personal representative, guardianship estates for which respondent served as guardian, and trusts for which respondent served as trustee without approval of this court, a judicial referee appointed by this Court or by order of the Circuit Court in an inventory attorney proceeding instituted under R. Regulating Fla. Bar 1-3.8.

e. to notify, in writing, all banks and financial institutions where the respondent maintains an account related to the practice of law, or related to services rendered as a personal representative of an estate, or related to services rendered as a guardian, or related to services rendered as a trustee, or where respondent maintains an account that contains funds that originated from a probate estate for which respondent was personal representative, guardianship estate for which respondent was guardian, or trust for which respondent was trustee, of the provisions of this Court's order and to provide all the aforementioned banks and financial institutions with a copy of this Court's order. Further, respondent shall be required to provide Bar Counsel with an affidavit listing each bank or financial institution respondent provided with a copy of said order.

f. to immediately comply with and provide all documents and testimony responsive to a subpoena from The Florida Bar for trust

account records and any related documents necessary for completion of a trust account audit to be conducted by The Florida Bar.

g. to cease all use of the “Mobile Claim Center” in the state of Florida and cease holding herself out as a Florida Bar member or lawyer and eliminate all indicia of respondent’s status as a Florida Bar member or lawyer on websites, email, social media, telephone listings, stationery, checks, business cards, office signs, email address, and any other indicia of respondent’s status as a Florida Bar member or lawyer;

h. to furnish the Bar with a list of names and contact information of all persons the firm has agreed to represent that were signed up via the “Mobile Claim Center” in the State of Florida.

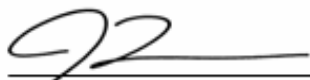
The Court hereby authorizes any Referee appointed in these proceedings to determine entitlement to funds in any trust account(s) frozen as a result of an Order entered in this matter.

Not final until time expires to file motion for rehearing, and if filed, determined. The filing of a motion for rehearing shall not alter the effective date of this suspension.

MUÑIZ, C.J., and CANADY, POLSTON, LABARGA, COURIEL, GROSSHANS, and FRANCIS, JJ., concur.

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