IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA (Before a Referee)

THE FLORIDA BAR.

Supreme Court Case No. SC22-1548

Complainant,

The Florida Bar File

No. 2023-00,152 (02B) NES

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JENNIFER PEREZ,

Respondent.

STIPULATION FOR DISSOLUTION OF EMERGENCY SUSPENSION AND IMPOSITION OF INTERIM PROBATION WITH CONDITIONS

The Florida Bar and respondent, Jennifer Perez, under Rule Regulating Fla. Bar 3-5.2, stipulate to interim probation with the conditions listed to ensure the protection of the public during the pendency of these proceedings. The parties further stipulate to the entry of the Report of Referee Recommending Interim Probation with Conditions without further hearing.

The Florida Bar filed its petition for emergency suspension in this case based on the facts in the bar's possession on November 17, 2022.

On November 21, 2022, respondent's counsel filed a Motion to Dismiss Petition for Emergency Suspension or, in the Alternative, In Opposition to Emergency Suspension or to Terminate or Modify Suspension, attaching

exhibits. On the same date, The Supreme Court of Florida issued its order directing the appointment of a referee, that the matter be heard within 7 days of the referee's appointment, and that the referee submit a recommendation to the Florida Supreme Court within 7 days of the hearing under Rule Regulating Fla. Bar 3-5.2(g). Based on the information contained in the motion to dismiss, the bar and respondent agreed that the public could be adequately protected by entering a stipulation for interim probation with the conditions below. Counsel for The Florida Bar, Counsel for Respondent, and Respondent attended a hearing before the referee, the Honorable Charles E. Roberts, on November 28, 2022, during which counsel described the proposed stipulation and procedures to be followed. Immediately after that hearing, the Supreme Court of Florida entered its order suspending respondent.

The stipulation and conditions of the interim probation are as follows:

- 1. Respondent is, and at all times relevant to this petition was, a member of The Florida Bar, subject to the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of Florida.
- 2. Respondent is acting freely and voluntarily in this matter, and enters this stipulation without fear or threat of coercion. Respondent is represented by counsel in this matter.

- 3. The parties agree to recommend the dissolution of the Florida Supreme Court's Order of Emergency Suspension dated November 28, 2022 and all conditions it sets forth. Unless and until the Supreme Court dissolves its emergency suspension order, the parties understand that they are bound by its terms.
- 4. Respondent agrees to be placed on interim probation until further order of the Court. Such interim probation will not be considered a prior sanction or discipline in these proceedings for purposes of Section 3.2(b) of the Florida Standards for Imposing Lawyer Sanctions.
 - 5. The conditions of the interim probation are as follows:
 - A. Respondent will timely pay the \$750 registration fee and complete The Florida Bar Ethics School on January 26-27, 2023.
 - B. Respondent will submit a copy of the signed lease agreement for the law firm office in Fort Myers, Florida to the bar within 5 business days of the court approving the stipulation.

 Respondent must immediately notify the bar if respondent or respondent's firm closes the law office in Fort Myers, Florida, during the interim probation.
 - C. Respondent ceased operation of the "Mobile Claim

 Center" on November 17, 2022 and it was removed from Fort Myers

on November 18, 2022 and Respondent agrees it will not reopen in Florida.

- D. Respondent will provide to the bar a list of names and contact information for all persons or entities the firm has agreed to represent via the Florida "Mobile Claim Center" within 5 business days of the court approving the stipulation. Alternatively, respondent will submit an affidavit to the bar that the firm has made no agreements to represent persons or entities via the Florida "Mobile Claim Center" within 5 business days of the court approving the stipulation.
- E. Respondent will provide the bar a copy of her partnership agreement with the law firm Gauthier Murphy & Houghtaling LLC within 5 business days of the court approving the stipulation.
- F. Respondent provide the bar a list of her current Florida clients and clients with current matters in Florida, along with the corresponding signed fee agreements, letters of engagement, and any other documents setting forth the agreement for representation of these clients within 5 business days of the court approving the stipulation.

- G. Respondent will submit weekly sworn statements on the Monday following the prior week to the bar establishing her compliance with the requirements for maintaining a true interstate law firm as set forth in *The Florida Bar v. Savitt*, 363 So.2d 559 (Fla. 1978). The statements must include all dates respondent left and returned to Florida, a list of any new Florida clients or new clients with Florida matters that respondent or her firm agreed to represent during that month, and the related fee agreements, letters of engagement, and all other documents setting forth the agreement for representation of these clients.
- H. Respondent may open a new trust account, registered with the Florida Bar Foundation, and must provide the bar with the name of the bank and the account number.
- I. Respondent must submit monthly on the first business day after the prior month to the bar copies of all trust records that respondent is required to keep under Chapter 5 of the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar to support that respondent's trust account is in compliance with the record keeping and required procedures under the applicable rules.

J. The affidavit, documents, sworn statement, and trust records as required in the stipulation will be submitted to the Lawyer Regulation Division of The Florida Bar, 651 E. Jefferson St, Tallahassee, FL 32399.

Dated this 30th day of November, 2022.

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