

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

THE FLORIDA BAR,

Supreme Court Case No.:

IN RE:

PETITION FOR DISCIPLINARY
REVOCATION OF GUS VINCENT
SOTO,

Petitioner.

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PETITION FOR DISCIPLINARY REVOCATION
WITHOUT LEAVE TO APPLY FOR READMISSION

COMES NOW Petitioner, Gus Vincent Soto, 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
for Disciplinary Revocation Without Leave to Apply for Readmission
with full knowledge of its effect.

2. Petitioner is 64 years old, has been a Member of The
Florida Bar since November 21, 1984, and is subject to the
jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of Florida and the Rules
Regulating The Florida Bar.

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3. Petitioner has no prior discipline.

4. The following proceedings are currently pending against the petitioner:

A. Supreme Court of Florida Case number 22-269 (The Florida Bar File No. 2022-00,332(2B)OSC) where this Court has issued an Order to Show Cause due to a contempt finding by a Grievance Committee for failure to respond to Bar inquiries and failure to produce records pursuant to a subpoena.

B. Respondent has the following cases pending before the Second Circuit Grievance Committee B: TFB File Nos.: 2021-00,143(2B) - Anthony Brand; 2021-00,318(2B) - Twanna Washington-Homes; 2022-00,022(2B) - Tevin McCullough; and 2022-00,248(2B) – David Wofford.

C. Respondent has the following cases pending at staff level: TFB File Nos. 2022-00,250(2B) - Daniel Hirsh; 2022-00,297(2B) – William Nealy; and 2022-00,404(2B) – James Surber.

5. 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.

6. Petitioner agrees to reimburse The Florida Bar for the costs incurred in his disciplinary cases.

7. Petitioner agrees to pay restitution to the following clients whose cases are listed in this Petition, within 60 days of the Order approving the petition: David Wofford - \$86,500.00; Tevin McCollough (on behalf of the Estate of Velma Bickers) - \$20,000.00; James Surber - \$146,189.63; Daniel Hirsh - \$137,875.00; and William Nealy - \$6,367.00.

8. Petitioner further agrees not to attempt to discharge the obligation for payment of the Bar's costs or payment of restitution in any future proceedings, including but not limited to, a petition for bankruptcy. If this plea is approved, and restitution is owed, if the person to whom restitution is owed cannot be located after a diligent search, respondent shall execute an affidavit of diligent search and provide same to The Florida Bar and shall pay the full amount of the restitution to the Clients' Security Fund of The Florida Bar within 30 days of the date of the affidavit of diligent search.

9. 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.

10. 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.

11. 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 Florida 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.

12. Petitioner agrees to eliminate all indicia of petitioner's status as an attorney on social media, telephone listings, stationery, checks, business cards, office signs, or any other indicia of his status as an attorney, whatsoever, as soon as reasonably possible and circumstances would permit. Petitioner will no longer hold himself out as a licensed attorney.

13. Petitioner understands that the granting of this Petition by the Supreme Court of Florida shall serve to dismiss all pending disciplinary cases.

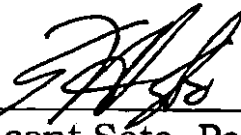
WHEREFORE, petitioner respectfully requests that this Court grant this Petition and order that petitioner's membership in The Florida Bar be revoked without leave to seek readmission.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have filed this Petition with the Clerk of the Florida Supreme Court through the Florida E-filing Portal and served it upon Shanee Hinson, (shinson@floridabar.org) Bar Counsel, The Florida Bar, and Patricia Ann Toro Savitz, (psavitz@floridabar.org) Staff Counsel, on this 19th day of April, 2022.

By: 
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