

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

THE FLORIDA BAR,

Supreme Court Case
No. SC22 - 219

IN RE:
THE PETITION FOR
DISCIPLINARY REVOCATION OF
THOMAS EDWARD STONE

The Florida Bar File
No. 2021-00,013(3)

Petitioner.

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

COMES NOW Petitioner, Thomas Edward Stone, 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 with full knowledge of its effect.
2. Petitioner is 74 years old and has been a member of The
Florida Bar since June 1, 1976 and is subject to the jurisdiction of the
Supreme Court of Florida and the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar.
3. Petitioner has the following discipline history:
 - A. Prior to the matters set forth in subparagraph B below the
petitioner had no disciplinary history.

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B. On July 15, 2022, a final hearing was held in Supreme Court case number SC22-219, The Florida Bar case number 2021-00,013(3), where the referee found Petitioner, violated Rules Regulating the Florida Bar 4-8.4(a) (A lawyer shall not violate or attempt to violate the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar.); 4-8.4(d) (A lawyer shall not engage in conduct in connection with the practice of law that is prejudicial to the administration of justice.); and 4-8.4(i) (A lawyer shall not engage in sexual conduct with a client or a representative of a client that exploits or adversely affects the interests of the client or the lawyer-client relationship).

4. A sanction hearing is pending in this matter.

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 Client Security Fund (CSF) for any and all funds CSF has paid or may pay out for claims resulting from Petitioner's misconduct.

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

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. 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.

11. 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.

12. 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 21 day of July, 2022



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that this document has been E-filed with The Honorable John A. Tomasino, Clerk of the Supreme Court of Florida with a copy provided via United States Mail to Joshua E. Doyle, Executive Director, The Florida Bar, 651 E. Jefferson Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2300, via email to Rose Garrison, Bar Counsel, at rgarrison@floridabar.org; to Staff Counsel, Patricia Ann Toro Savitz at psavitz@floridabar.org; and, Honorable James Lee Marsh, the referee in Supreme Court case number SC22-219, at marshj@leoncountyfl.gov and goodwinm@leoncountyfl.gov, on this 21 day of July 2022.



Mr. Brant Lamar Hargrove