

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA
(Before a Grievance Committee)

THE FLORIDA BAR,
Complainant,

v.

CONSTANCE DANIELS,
Respondent.

Supreme Court Case
No. SC21-683

The Florida Bar File
No. 2019-10,230 (13C)

ADMONISHMENT

Constance Daniels, the Supreme Court of Florida, by order dated November 24, 2021, has directed that you be admonished for minor misconduct in writing by the undersigned as the appointed referee in this disciplinary proceeding.

This matter related to your representation of a client in a dissolution of marriage action. During the course of your representation, you failed to act with reasonable diligence and sufficiently communicate with the client. In one instance, you failed to adequately explain that a check you provided to the client for assistance with another legal matter was a partial refund of her retainer. You also failed to advise the client of a hearing on the opposing party's motion to compel your client's mandatory disclosure, and you failed to take any action on the client's behalf after the initiation of her

bar grievance. Lastly, you failed to timely respond to the bar's formal complaint in this disciplinary matter, though you did ultimately file a response through counsel and participate in the proceedings.

Constance Daniels, your misconduct in this matter, while found to be minor, and perhaps unintentionally committed, is nevertheless a violation of the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar. All violations of the code of conduct, no matter how minor, reflect on all lawyers in our profession.

I trust that from this point forward your professional conduct will help preserve our profession and be in compliance with our code. Pride in your profession and self-respect should encourage you in this regard.

This admonishment is now a permanent part of your bar record. The lawyers of Florida expect your future conduct to always be in compliance with your oath and your obligations to our profession.

DONE AND ADMINISTERED this 2 day of December, 2021.



Daniel Dwight Diskey, Referee

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