

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

THE FLORIDA BAR,

Supreme Court Case
No. SC-

IN RE:
THE PETITION FOR
DISCIPLINARY REVOCATION OF
SAM BABBS

The Florida Bar File
No. 2022-30,330 (9C) CDR

Petitioner.

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

COMES NOW Petitioner, Sam Babbs III, 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 reapply for readmission after 5 years with full knowledge of its effect.
2. Petitioner is 39 years old and has been a member of The Florida Bar since September 25, 2008, and is subject to the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of Florida and the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar.
3. Petitioner has no prior discipline history.
4. The following disciplinary charges are currently pending against the Petitioner:

A. In The Florida Bar File No. 2022-30,031 (9C), the bar is investigating a complaint filed by petitioner's former employer alleging that he improperly took legal fees intended for his employer and deposited them in a bank account not associated with the former employer. The bar conducted an audit of petitioner's law firm trust account for the period of April 1, 2015 through August 31, 2021 and requested records required under Chapter 5 of the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar. Petitioner was unable to produce a receipts and disbursement journal, client ledger cards, monthly reconciliations or monthly comparisons. Petitioner admits that he does not maintain these required documents. During the audit period, the bar's auditor found multiple instances where petitioner negotiated lower payments for clients' medical bills and could not account for the difference in funds between the amount cited on the closing statement and the amount distributed to the medical providers.

B. In The Florida Bar File No. 2022-30,186 (9C), the bar opened an investigation after receiving a complaint from a Michigan resident alleging that they hired petitioner to represent them in their bankruptcy case and petitioner was unable to perform his contractual duties in a timely manner. Petitioner is not admitted to practice law in

bankruptcy court in Michigan and had intended to engage the services of a Michigan bankruptcy lawyer to handle the client's matter.

C. In The Florida Bar File No. 2022-30,239 (9C), the bar opened an investigation after receiving a complaint from an Alabama resident alleging that they hired petitioner to represent them in their bankruptcy case and petitioner was unable to perform his contractual duties in a timely manner. Petitioner is not admitted to practice law in bankruptcy court in Alabama and had intended to engage the services of an Alabama bankruptcy lawyer to handle the client's matter.

D. In The Florida Bar File No. 2022-30,298 (9C), the bar opened an investigation after receiving a copy of an order from the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in the District of South Carolina finding that retention agreements entered into by petitioner and his law firm with the debtors in South Carolina failed to comply with the bankruptcy code. The bankruptcy court further found that the compensation paid to petitioner and/or his law firm and the local South Carolina bankruptcy lawyer exceeded the reasonable value of services performed and must be refunded to the debtor. The court enjoined petitioner and his law firm from soliciting for filing or filing any bankruptcy case in the District of South Carolina.

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

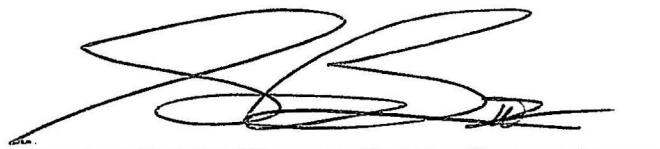
Petitioner should utilize a post office box or other type of mail drop service during the five (5) year period after the disciplinary revocation becomes final.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sam Babbs III', is written over a horizontal line.

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Dated this 9th day of December, 2021.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that this document has been Efiled with The Honorable John A. Tomasino, Clerk of the Supreme Court of Florida, with copies provided by email to Sam Babbs III, 4767 New Broad Street, Suite 308, Orlando, FL 32814-6405 at sam@babbslaw.com; Joshua E. Doyle, Executive Director, The Florida Bar, 651 E. Jefferson Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2300, at jdoyle@floridabar.org; and to Staff Counsel, The Florida Bar, 651 E. Jefferson Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399-2300 at psavitz@floridabar.org; on this 10th day of December, 2021.



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