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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

THE FLORIDA BAR, Complainant, v. LARRY EDWARD POWERS III, Respondent. _____/	Supreme Court Case No. The Florida Bar File No. 2025-30,459(18A)

COMPLAINT

The Florida Bar, complainant, files this complaint against Larry Edward Powers III, respondent, under the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar and alleges:

1. Respondent is, and at all times relevant to this matter was, a member of The Florida Bar, admitted on September 19, 2018, and is subject to the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of Florida.

2. Respondent practiced law in Orange County, Florida, and Seminole County, Florida, at all times relevant to this matter.

3. The Eighteenth Judicial Circuit Grievance Committee "A" found probable cause to file this complaint under R. Regulating Fla. Bar 3-7.4.

4. Respondent permitted his father, who does not have a valid license to practice law, to use respondent’s bar card in an attempt to gain

access to a restricted facility.

5. Respondent also failed to timely respond to the bar's inquiries in this matter.

6. On January 13, 2025, respondent and his father, Larry Powers, Jr. (hereinafter "Powers Jr."), attempted to visit respondent's mother at the Orange County Booking and Release Center following her arrest.

7. Respondent and Powers Jr. indicated they were representing the mother in a legal capacity.

8. Powers Jr. was not licensed to practice law on that date. His petitioner for disciplinary revocation in Supreme Court Case Number SC2024-1535 was granted on January 2, 2025, effective immediately, due to his emergency suspension ordered by the Court on August 14, 2024 in Supreme Court Case Number SC2024-1163.

9. Upon request, respondent presented his driver's license and bar card, and Powers Jr. only provided his driver's license.

10. Respondent was permitted entry to the client/lawyer meeting area, and Powers Jr. was denied.

11. Shortly thereafter, Powers Jr. again asked for assistance in locating the client/lawyer meeting area at a different location at the facility.

12. The sheriff's deputy on duty asked Powers Jr. to produce

identification.

13. Powers Jr. produced a bar card and driver's license.

14. The deputy reviewed both forms of identification and found that the driver's license name did not match the name on the bar card.

15. The bar card that Powers Jr. presented belonged to respondent.

16. Thereafter, both respondent and Powers Jr. were removed from the premises.

17. On January 16, 2025, The Florida Bar sent respondent a letter, by regular U.S. Mail, to respondent's record bar address advising of a complaint in this case and requesting a response by January 31, 2025.

18. In the correspondence, respondent was informed that his response to the complaint was required under the provisions of Rule 4-8.4(g), Rules Regulating The Florida Bar.

19. Respondent failed to respond to The Florida Bar as requested in the letter of January 16, 2025.

20. On February 11, 2025, The Florida Bar sent respondent a second letter, by regular U.S. Mail, to respondent's record bar address advising of the complaint in this case and requesting a response by February 21, 2025.

21. Respondent failed to respond to The Florida Bar as requested in the letter of February 11, 2025.

22. On March 4, 2025, the bar sent respondent a third letter, to respondent's record bar email address, attaching the previous correspondence dated January 16, 2025 and February 11, 2025, and requesting a response by March 17, 2025.

23. Respondent failed to respond to The Florida Bar as requested in the letter of March 4, 2025.

24. On April 25, 2025, the bar's staff investigator met respondent and provided him with The Florida Bar's earlier correspondence and an additional letter from bar counsel requesting a response within 10 days.

25. Thereafter, respondent again failed to respond to The Florida Bar as required by Rule 4-8.4(g).

26. Respondent’s conduct as described above violated the following Rules Regulating The Florida Bar:

(a) 3-4.3 Misconduct and Minor Misconduct. The standards of professional conduct required of members of the bar are not limited to the observance of rules and avoidance of prohibited acts, and the enumeration of certain categories of misconduct as constituting grounds for discipline are not all inclusive nor is the failure to specify

any particular act of misconduct be construed as tolerance of the act of misconduct. The commission by a lawyer of any act that is unlawful or contrary to honesty and justice may constitute a cause for discipline whether the act is committed in the course of the lawyer's relations as a lawyer or otherwise, whether committed within Florida or outside the state of Florida, and whether the act is a felony or a misdemeanor.

(b) 4-8.4(a) Misconduct. A lawyer shall not violate or attempt to violate the Rules of Professional Conduct, knowingly assist or induce another to do so, or do so through the acts of another.

(c) 4-8.4(c) Misconduct. A lawyer shall not engage in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation.

(d) 4-8.4(d) Misconduct. A lawyer shall not engage in conduct in connection with the practice of law that is prejudicial to the administration of justice.

(e) 4-8.4(g) Misconduct. A lawyer shall not fail to respond, in writing, to any official inquiry by bar counsel or a disciplinary agency, as defined elsewhere in these rules, when bar counsel or the agency is conducting an investigation into the lawyer's conduct. A written response shall be made: (1) within 15 days of the date of the initial

written investigative inquiry by bar counsel, grievance committee, or board of governors; (2) within 10 days of the date of any follow-up written investigative inquiries by bar counsel, grievance committee, or board of governors.

The Florida Bar respectfully requests that this Court appropriately discipline respondent under the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar and award the bar its costs under R. Regulating Fla. Bar 3-7.6(q).

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that this Complaint has been filed via the Florida Courts E-Filing Portal with the Honorable John A. Tomasino, Clerk of the Supreme Court of Florida, with a copy provided via the portal to Larry Edward Powers III, Respondent, at larryepowers3@gmail.com; and that a copy has been provided by United States Mail, via certified mail No. 9589 0710 5270 0677 1189 37, return receipt requested to Larry Edward Powers III, whose record bar address is 2126 Woodbridge Road, Longwood, FL 32779, and via email to Alexis Leigh Lombard, Bar Counsel, alombard@floridabar.org, on this 30th day of January, 2026.

Patricia Ann Toro Savitz
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NOTICE OF TRIAL COUNSEL AND DESIGNATION OF PRIMARY EMAIL ADDRESS

The trial counsel in this matter is Alexis Leigh Lombard, Bar Counsel, whose address, telephone number and primary email address are The Florida Bar, Orlando Branch Office, The Gateway Center, 1000 Legion Place, Suite 1625, Orlando FL 32801, (407) 425-5424, and alombard@floridabar.org. Respondent need not address pleadings, correspondence, etc. in this matter to anyone other than trial counsel and to Staff Counsel, The Florida Bar, 651 E. Jefferson Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2300, psavitz@floridabar.org.

NOTICE OF MANDATORY ELECTRONIC FILING

All parties must file all pleadings, motions, and notices in this matter electronically, with a copy to the referee, through the Florida Courts E-Filing Portal, www.myflcourtaccess.com, under R. Regulating Fla. Bar 3-7.6(h)(5)(A) and (B).

MANDATORY ANSWER NOTICE

R. REGULATING FLA. BAR 3-7.6(h)(2) PROVIDES THAT A RESPONDENT MUST ANSWER A COMPLAINT.