IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

THE FLORIDA BAR,

Supreme Court Case

No.

IN RE:

The Florida Bar File

THE PETITION FOR DISCIPLINARY

No. 2019-00,430(2A) NDR

REVOCATION OF ROBERT OURIEL

Petitioner.

PETITION FOR DISCIPLINARY REVOCATION WITH LEAVE TO APPLY FOR READMISSION IN FIVE YEARS

COMES NOW Petitioner, Robert Ouriel, 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 full knowledge of its effect.
- 2. Petitioner is 57 years old and has been a member of The Florida Bar since December 19, 1986, and is subject to the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of Florida and the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar. He is not a member of any other state bars.
- 3. Petitioner has the following discipline history: Felony Suspended as of January 10, 2019, by Court Order dated December 11, 2018.
- 4. The following disciplinary charges are currently pending against the Petitioner:

- A. In Supreme Court Case No. SC18-2042, The Florida Bar File No. 2018-00,359 (2A), Petitioner entered a plea of nolo contendere to one count of felony theft. The court accepted the plea and Petitioner was found guilty. Petitioner was sentenced to 3 years' probation, 45 days of community service, and ordered to pay restitution to the victim in the amount of \$221,775. No period of incarceration was ordered. Petitioner subsequently filed an appeal with the Court of Appeal of the State of California, Second Appellate District, Division Seven. On April 11, 2013, the Court affirmed the judgment. The instant Florida disciplinary case is pending before the Honorable Robert R. Wheeler, Circuit Judge/Referee.
- 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. Respondent lives and works in California and has not represented any Florida clients in over ten years. Respondent does not have a lawyer's trust account in any state. Respondent submits this disciplinary revocation in lieu of contested Bar disciplinary proceedings to avoid the expense and time to all concerned.
- 6. Petitioner agrees to reimburse The Florida Bar for the costs incurred in his disciplinary cases.

- 7. Petitioner further agrees to maintain a current mailing address with The Florida Bar for a period of 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 5-year period after the disciplinary revocation becomes final.
- 8. Petitioner understands that the granting of this petition by the Supreme Court of Florida shall serve to dismiss all pending disciplinary cases.
- 9. Should this matter go to Final Hearing before a Referee Respondent will present mitigation including the following:
 - A. No prior disciplinary history.
- B. Respondent's conviction was in no way related to the practice of law. It was an isolated act of misconduct related to the breakup of a romantic relationship.
- C. The misconduct for which Respondent was found guilty occurred over ten years ago and there have been no findings or adjudications of misconduct since then.
- D. Respondent is a respected businessman with a good reputation in the community.

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 in 5 years.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated this $12^{1/4}$ day of March, 2019.

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Dated this $\underline{/4^{64}}$ day of March, 2019.

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 U.S. Mail to Joshua E. Doyle, Executive Director, The Florida Bar, 651 East Jefferson Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2300, and to Adria Quintela, Staff Counsel, The Florida Bar, Lake Shore Plaza II, 1300 Concord Terrace Suite 130, Sunrise,

Florida 33323, via email at <u>aquintel@floridabar.org</u>, on this _/4 day of March, 2019.

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