

Supreme Court of Florida

THURSDAY, JULY 18, 2019

CASE NO.: SC17-490

Lower Tribunal No(s).:
2016-10,349 (12A)

THE FLORIDA BAR

vs. MELTON HARRY LITTLE

Complainant(s)

Respondent(s)

Upon consideration of the Report of Referee and the briefs filed in this case, the Court hereby approves the referee's findings of fact and recommendations as to guilt, except for the recommendation as to guilt for Rule Regulating the Florida Bar 4-3.5(a), which the Court hereby disapproves. The referee's recommendation as to discipline is disapproved, and respondent is suspended from the practice of law for eighteen months, effective thirty days from the date of this order so that respondent can close out his practice and protect the interests of existing clients. If respondent notifies this Court in writing that he is no longer practicing and does not need the thirty days to protect existing clients, this Court will enter an order making the suspension effective immediately. Respondent shall fully comply with Rule Regulating the Florida Bar 3-5.1(h). In addition, respondent shall accept no new business from the date this order is filed until he is reinstated.

Upon reinstatement, respondent shall be placed on probation for one year, during which he is directed to complete a practice and professionalism enhancement program under the terms and conditions set forth in the report. Respondent is further ordered to comply with all other terms and conditions of the report.

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Judgment is entered for The Florida Bar, 651 East Jefferson Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2300, for recovery of costs from Melton Harry Little in the amount of \$5,395.82, for which sum let execution issue.

Not final until time expires to file motion for rehearing, and if filed, determined. The filing of a motion for rehearing shall not alter the effective date of this suspension.

CANADY, C.J., and POLSTON, LABARGA, LAWSON, LAGOA, LUCK, and MUÑIZ, JJ., concur.

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