

Supreme Court of Florida

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2020

CASE NO.: SC19-372

Lower Tribunal No(s).:
2017-10,243 (6B)

THE FLORIDA BAR

vs. FRANK T. BLAINEY

Complainant(s)

Respondent(s)

Having considered the report of the referee, and Respondent having failed to file a response to the order to show cause dated October 30, 2020, the referee's findings of fact and recommendation as to guilt are hereby approved. The referee's recommended discipline, however, is disapproved, and Respondent is instead suspended from the practice of law for ninety-one days, 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). Respondent shall also fully comply with Rule Regulating the Florida Bar 3-6.1, if applicable. In addition, Respondent shall accept no new business from the date this order is filed until he is reinstated.

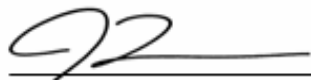
Upon his reinstatement, Respondent shall be placed on probation for three years, the conditions of which shall include his participation in a contract with Florida Lawyers Assistance, Inc., and attendance of a professionalism and ethics seminar within 120 days.

Judgment is entered for The Florida Bar, 651 East Jefferson Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2300, for recovery of costs from Frank T. Blainey in the amount of \$2,763.97, 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, MUÑIZ, COURIEL, and GROSSHANS, JJ., concur.

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John A. Tomasino
Clerk, Supreme Court



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Served:

LINDSEY MARGARET GUINAND
HON. THANE B. COVERT, JUDGE

FRANK T. BLAINEY
PATRICIA ANN TORO SAVITZ