

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

THE FLORIDA BAR,

Petitioner,

v.

CHARLES EDWIN LYKES, JR.,

Respondent.

Supreme Court Case No.
SC2025-1702

The Florida Bar File No.
2026-90,009(OSC)

**THE FLORIDA BAR'S AMENDED PETITION FOR CONTEMPT AND
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE¹**

The Florida Bar (the bar) files this Petition for Contempt and Order to Show Cause and requests a 91-day suspension against respondent, Charles Edwin Lykes, Jr. To support this petition, the bar states:

1. In Florida Supreme Court Case No. SC2024-0739 [The Florida Bar File No. 2024-10,705(6A)(OSC)], by order dated July 31, 2024, respondent was suspended from the practice of law for failing to fully respond in writing to the official inquiries from the bar's petition, and until further order of the Court.

2. In the order of suspension, respondent was ordered to comply with Rule 3-5.1(h), Rules Regulating The Florida Bar, by notifying his clients, opposing counsel, tribunals, and all state, federal and administrative bars of which he is a member of his suspension, and to

¹Amended as to Certificate of Service only

provide a sworn affidavit to The Florida Bar within 30 days of the suspension listing the names and addresses of all persons and entities that were furnished a copy of the suspension order.

3. On July 31, 2024, the bar notified respondent of the conditions associated with his suspension to his record bar mailing address and record bar email address, specifically the requirement that he submit the sworn affidavit pursuant to Rule 3-5.1(h). See, July 31, 2024 letter and email from the bar to respondent attached hereto as “Composite Exhibit A.”

4. On August 22, 2024, respondent complied by fully responding in writing to the bar’s official inquiries.

5. On August 23, 2024, the bar notified this Court by filing a Notice of Compliance that respondent had complied by responding to the bar’s official inquiries.

6. By Court order dated September 9, 2024, this Court reinstated the respondent to the practice of law, effective immediately.

7. While respondent complied with the bar’s inquiries in SC2024-0739, respondent failed to submit the 3-5.1(h) affidavit required during the period in which he was suspended.

8. On September 11, 2024, the bar notified respondent of his reinstatement to the practice of law and noncompliance with the conditions

of his suspension to his record bar mailing address and record bar email address, specifically his failure to submit the sworn affidavit pursuant to Rule 3-5.1(h). See, September 11, 2024 letter and email from the bar to respondent attached hereto as “Composite Exhibit B.”

9. Respondent has failed to submit the required affidavit containing a list of persons/entities to which he gave notice of his suspension and provided a copy of the order of suspension.

10. Consequently, the bar is unaware whether respondent notified any clients, opposing counsel, tribunals, and state, federal and administrative bars of his suspension pursuant to Rule 3-5.1(h).

11. Due to respondent’s noncompliance with this Court’s order dated July 31, 2024, the bar was obligated to file this Petition for Contempt for noncompliance.

12. Implicit in any order of discipline is enhanced discipline if respondent fails to comply with the terms and conditions of this Court’s order.

13. The other members of the bar should not have to pay for respondent’s noncompliance with this Court’s order and the instant proceeding. Therefore, the bar is requesting administrative costs of \$1,250.00 against respondent.

The bar respectfully requests this Court enter an order directing respondent, Charles Edwin Lykes, Jr., to show cause why Charles Edwin Lykes, Jr. should not be held in contempt and be suspended for 91 days, comply with the terms of this Court's order in SC2024-0739, prior to petitioning for reinstatement, and assess costs in the amount of \$1,250.00 to The Florida Bar.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "AS Sackett", written in a cursive style.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that this document 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 Charles Edwin Lykes, Jr., at celykes@gmail.com; and that a copy has been provided by United States Mail via certified mail No. 7017 3380 0000 1082 9878, return receipt requested to Charles Edwin Lykes, Jr., whose physical bar address is 1601 Brigadoon Dr, Clearwater, FL 33759-2936, and to Staff Counsel, Patricia Ann Toro Savitz at psavitz@floridabar.org on this 7th day of November, 2025.



Allison Carden Sackett, Staff Counsel

NOTICE OF TRIAL COUNSEL AND DESIGNATION OF PRIMARY EMAIL ADDRESS

The bar counsel in this matter is Allison Carden Sackett, whose address, telephone number and primary email address are The Florida Bar, Headquarters, 651 East Jefferson Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2300, (850) 561-5839 and ASackett@floridabar.org. Respondent need not address pleadings, correspondence, etc. in this matter to anyone other than Bar Counsel and to Staff Counsel, Patricia Ann Toro Savitz at 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 Rule Regulating The Florida Bar 3-7.6(h)(5)(A) and (B).