

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

THE FLORIDA BAR,

Supreme Court Case No.  
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IN RE:  
THE PETITION FOR  
DISCIPLINARY REVOCATION OF  
DENNIS JOSEPH SZAFRAN,  
PETITIONER.

The Florida Bar File No.  
2024-10241 (13C)

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**PETITION FOR DISCIPLINARY REVOCATION WITH LEAVE TO  
APPLY FOR READMISSION**

COMES NOW Petitioner, Dennis Joseph Szafran, and submits this Petition for Disciplinary Revocation pursuant to Rule Regulating Florida Bar 3-7.12 and states:

1. Petitioner knowingly and voluntarily submits this petition with leave to apply for readmission after 5 years with full knowledge of its effect.

2. Petitioner is forty-three (43) years old and has been a member of The Florida Bar since September 25, 2015, and is subject to the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of Florida and the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar.

3. Petitioner has no prior disciplinary history.

4. The following disciplinary charges are currently pending against the Petitioner:
- A. The Florida Bar File No. 2021-10,611 (13C) is at Grievance Committee level and probable cause was found. The Inquiry/Complaint is a Guardianship case regarding fees/excessive fees.
  - B. The Florida Bar File No. 2022-10,426 (13C) is at Grievance Committee level and probable cause was found. The Inquiry/Complaint is a Probate case regarding inadequate communication.
  - C. The Florida Bar File No. 2024-10,399 (13C) is at staff level. This Inquiry/Complaint is a Civil case regarding neglect.
  - D. The Florida Bar File No. 2024-10,562 (13C) is at staff level. This Inquiry/Complaint is a Guardianship case regarding fees/excessive fees.
  - E. The Florida Bar File No. 2024-10,024 (13C) is at staff level. This Inquiry/Complaint is a Real Estate case regarding neglect.
  - F. The Florida Bar File No. 2024-10,217 (13C) is at staff level. This Inquiry/Complaint is a Probate case regarding neglect.
  - G. The Florida Bar File No. 2024-10,221 (13C) is at staff level. This Inquiry/Complaint has to do with an employee of the firm regarding interference with justice.
  - H. The Florida Bar File No. 2024-10,228 (13C) is at staff level. This Inquiry/Complaint has to do with an employee of the firm regarding interference of justice.

- I. The Florida Bar File No. 2024-10,229 (13C) is at staff level. This Inquiry/Complaint is a Probate case regarding inadequate communication.
- J. The Florida Bar File No. 2024-10,230 (13C) is at staff level. This Inquiry/Complaint is a Probate case regarding inadequate communication.
- K. The Florida Bar File No. 2024-10,231 (13C) is at staff level. This Inquiry/Complaint is a Probate case regarding fees/excessive fees.
- L. The Florida Bar File No. 2024-10,233 (13C) is at staff level. This Inquiry/Complaint is a Probate case regarding fees/excessive fees.
- M. The Florida Bar File No. 2024-10,236 (13C) is at staff level. This Inquiry/Complaint is a Probate case regarding funds/trust accounting.
- N. The Florida Bar File No. 2024-10,241 (13C) is at staff level. This Inquiry/Complaint is a Probate case regarding disciplinary revocation.
- O. The Florida Bar File No. 2024-10,251 (13C) is at staff level. This Inquiry/Complaint is a Probate case regarding funds/trust accounting.
- P. The Florida Bar File No. 2024-10,257 (13C) is at staff level. This Inquiry/Complaint is a Probate case regarding fees/excessive fees.
- Q. The Florida Bar File No. 2024-10,265 (13C) is at staff level. This Inquiry/Complaint is a Probate case regarding neglect.

- R. The Florida Bar File No. 2024-10,275 (13C) is at staff level. This Inquiry/Complaint is a Probate case regarding neglect.
- S. The Florida Bar File No. 2024-10,276 (13C) is at staff level. This Inquiry/Complaint is a Probate case regarding neglect.
- T. The Florida Bar File No. 2024-10,277 (13C) is at staff level. This Inquiry/Complaint is a Probate case regarding fees/excessive fees.
- U. The Florida Bar File No. 2024-10,278 (13C) is at staff level. This Inquiry/Complaint is a Probate case regarding neglect.
- V. The Florida Bar File No. 2024-10,279 (13C) is at staff level. This Inquiry/Complaint is a Probate case regarding neglect.
- W. The Florida Bar File No. 2024-10,287 (13C) is at staff level. This Inquiry/Complaint is a Probate case regarding neglect.
- X. The Florida Bar File No. 2024-10,288 (13C) is at staff level. This Inquiry/Complaint is a Probate case regarding neglect.
- Y. The Florida Bar File No. 2024-10,293 (13C) is at staff level. This Inquiry/Complaint is an unlawful detainer regarding neglect.
- Z. The Florida Bar File No. 024-10,294 (13C) is at staff level. This Inquiry/Complaint is a Probate case regarding funds/trust accounting.

- AA. The Florida Bar File No. 2024-10,295 (13C) is at staff level. This Inquiry/Complaint is a Guardianship case regarding neglect.
- BB. The Florida Bar File No. 2024-10,306 (13C) is at staff level. This Inquiry/Complaint is a Probate case regarding fees/excessive fees.
- CC. The Florida Bar File No. 2024-10,308 (13C) is at staff level. This Inquiry/Complaint is a Probate/Guardianship case regarding neglect.
- DD. The Florida Bar File No. 2024-10,309 (13C) is at staff level. This Inquiry/Complaint is a Probate case regarding neglect.
- EE. The Florida Bar File No. 2024-10,321 (13C) is at staff level. This Inquiry/Complaint is a Probate case regarding interference with justice.
- FF. The Florida Bar File No. 2024-10,322 (13C) is at staff level. This Inquiry/Complaint is a Probate case regarding inadequate communication.
- GG. The Florida Bar File No. 2024-10,324 (13C) is at staff level. This Inquiry/Complaint is a Probate case regarding interference with justice.
- HH. The Florida Bar File No. 2024-10,325 (13C) is at staff level. This Inquiry/Complaint is a Probate case regarding inadequate communication.
- II. The Florida Bar File No. 2024-10,327 (13C) is at staff level. This Inquiry/Complaint is a Probate case regarding incompetence.

- JJ. The Florida Bar File No. 2024-10,329 (13C) is at staff level. This Inquiry/Complaint is a Probate case regarding interference with justice.
- KK. The Florida Bar File No. 2024-10,339 (13C) is at staff level. This Inquiry/Complaint is a Probate case regarding interference with justice.
- LL. The Florida Bar File No. 2024-10,349 (13C) is at staff level. This Inquiry/Complaint is a Child Custody case regarding funds/trust accounting.
- MM. The Florida Bar File No. 2024-10,350 (13C) is at staff level. This Inquiry/Complaint is a Guardianship case regarding neglect.
- NN. The Florida Bar File No. 2024-10,351 (13C) is at staff level. This Inquiry/Complaint is a Probate case regarding neglect.
- OO. The Florida Bar File No. 2024-10,352 (13C) is at staff level. This Inquiry/Complaint is a Probate case regarding neglect.
- PP. The Florida Bar File No. 2024-10,357 (13C) is at staff level. This Inquiry/Complaint is a Probate case regarding inadequate communication.
- QQ. The Florida Bar File No. 2024-10,359 (13C) is at staff level. This Inquiry/Complaint is a Probate/Guardianship case regarding funds/trust accounting.
- RR. The Florida Bar File No. 2024-10,360 (13C) is at staff level. This Inquiry/Complaint is a Guardianship case regarding inadequate communication.

- SS. The Florida Bar File No. 2024-10,361 (13C) is at staff level. This Inquiry/Complaint is a Probate case regarding funds/trust accounting.
- TT. The Florida Bar File No. 2024-10,362 (13C) is at staff level. This Inquiry/Complaint is a Probate case regarding fees/excessive fees.
- UU. The Florida Bar File No. 2024-10,363 (13C) is at staff level. This Inquiry/Complaint is a Probate case regarding funds/trust accounting.
- VV. The Florida Bar File No. 2024-10,366 (13C) is at staff level. This Inquiry/Complaint is a Probate case regarding inadequate communication.
- WW. The Florida Bar File No. 2024-10,367 (13C) is at staff level. This Inquiry/Complaint is a Probate case regarding inadequate communication.
- XX. The Florida Bar File No. 2024-10,368 (13C) is at staff level. This Inquiry/Complaint is a Probate case regarding neglect.
- YY. The Florida Bar File No. 2024-10,377 (13C) is at staff level. This Inquiry/Complaint is a Probate case regarding fees/excessive fees.
- ZZ. The Florida Bar File No. 2024-10,394 (13C) is at staff level. This Inquiry/Complaint is a Probate/Guardianship case regarding neglect.
- AAA. The Florida Bar File No. 2024-10,397 (13C) is at staff level. This Inquiry/Complaint is a Probate/Guardianship case regarding inadequate communication.

- BBB. The Florida Bar File No. 2024-10,400 (13C) is at staff level. This Inquiry/Complaint is a Probate/Guardianship case regarding fees/excessive fees.
- CCC. The Florida Bar File No. 2024-10,401 (13C) is at staff level. This Inquiry/Complaint is a Probate case regarding fees/excessive fees.
- DDD. The Florida Bar File No. 2024-10,402 (13C) is at staff level. This Inquiry/Complaint is a Probate case regarding neglect.
- EEE. The Florida Bar File No. 2024-10,412 (13C) is at staff level. This Inquiry/Complaint is a Probate case regarding neglect.
- DDD. The Florida Bar File No. 2024-10,428 (13C) is at staff level. This Inquiry/Complaint is a Probate case regarding neglect.
- EEE. The Florida Bar File No. 2024-10,430 (13C) is at staff level. This Inquiry/Complaint is a Probate case regarding fees/excessive fees.
- FFF. The Florida Bar File No. 2024-10,433 (13C) is at staff level. This Inquiry/Complaint is a Probate case regarding interference with justice.
- GGG. The Florida Bar File No. 2024-10,435 (13C) is at staff level. This Inquiry/Complaint is a Probate case regarding fees/excessive fees.
- HHH. The Florida Bar File No. 2024-10,436 (13C) is at staff level. This Inquiry/Complaint is a Probate case regarding an emergency suspension.

- III. The Florida Bar File No. 2024-10,437 (13C) is at staff level. This Inquiry/Complaint is a Probate case regarding neglect.
- JJJ. The Florida Bar File No. 2024-10,447 (13C) is at staff level. This Inquiry/Complaint is a Probate case regarding neglect.
- KKK. The Florida Bar File No. 2024-10,448 (13C) is at staff level. This Inquiry/Complaint is a Probate case regarding neglect.
- LLL. The Florida Bar File No. 2024-10,449 (13C) is at staff level. This Inquiry/Complaint involves taking money and doing no work regarding neglect.
- MMM. The Florida Bar File No. 2024-10,453 (13C) is at staff level. This Inquiry/Complaint is a Probate case regarding fees/excessive fees.
- NNN. The Florida Bar File No. 2024-10,454 (13C) is at staff level. This Inquiry/Complaint is a Probate case regarding fees/excessive fees.
- OOO. The Florida Bar File No. 2024-10,465 (13C) is at staff level. This Inquiry/Complaint is a Probate case regarding neglect.

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.

6. Petitioner agrees to reimburse the Client Security Fund (CSF) for any and all funds CSF has paid or may pay out for claims resulting from Petitioner's misconduct.

7. Petitioner agrees to reimburse The Florida Bar for the costs incurred in his disciplinary cases.

8. Petitioner is practicing law. Petitioner does maintain a bank account in which Petitioner has placed client funds. Petitioner agrees to submit to a complete audit of any trust account(s) and any other account(s) in which Petitioner has placed client funds, if requested to do so by The Florida Bar.

9. Petitioner further agrees to submit a sworn financial affidavit to The Florida Bar attesting to Petitioner's current personal and professional financial circumstances on a form to be provided by The Florida Bar within thirty (30) days, if requested.

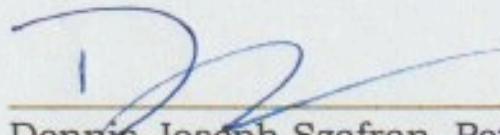
10. Petitioner further agrees to maintain a current mailing address with The Florida Bar for a period of five (5) years after the disciplinary revocation becomes final. Further, Petitioner shall keep the bar advised as to the physical address of Petitioner's home and/or business in the event Petitioner should utilize a post office

box or other type of mail drop service during the five (5) year period after the disciplinary revocation becomes final.

11. Petitioner understands that the granting of this petition by the Supreme Court of Florida shall serve to dismiss all pending disciplinary cases.

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 after 5 years.

Respectfully submitted,



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Dated this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024.

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Dated this 26th day of January, 2024.

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that the foregoing Petition for Disciplinary Revocation With Leave to Apply for Readmission has been E-filed with The Honorable John A. Tomasino, Clerk of the Supreme Court of Florida; with a copy provided to Joshua E. Doyle, Executive Director, The Florida Bar, 651 East Jefferson Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2300 by email to [jdoyle@floridabar.org](mailto:jdoyle@floridabar.org); and by email to Patricia Ann Toro Savitz, Staff Counsel, The Florida Bar, [psavitz@floridabar.org](mailto:psavitz@floridabar.org); Lindsey M. Guinand, Chief Branch Disciplinary Counsel, [lguinand@floridabar.org](mailto:lguinand@floridabar.org) and [ysarralta@floridabar.org](mailto:ysarralta@floridabar.org) on this 26th day of January, 2024.

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