

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA  
(Before a Grievance Committee)

THE FLORIDA BAR,  
Complainant,

The Florida Bar File  
No. 2024-30,171(6E)

v.

JEFFREY RICE HUSSEY,  
Respondent.

---

**GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE FINDING OF NON-COMPLIANCE AND  
FAILURE TO RESPOND TO OFFICIAL BAR INQUIRY AND CONTEMPT**

On August 14, 2025, pursuant to Rule 3-7.11(f), Rules Regulating The Florida Bar, the Grievance Committee 6E considered whether to issue a Finding of Non-Compliance and Failure to Respond to Official Bar Inquiry and Finding of Contempt and made the following findings:

1. On March 20, 2025, respondent was sent a letter by electronic mail to respondent's record bar email address requesting additional information in this case and was requested to respond by March 31, 2025. A copy of the letter is attached hereto as "Exhibit A".

2. Respondent failed to respond to The Florida Bar as requested in the letter of March 20, 2025.

3. On April 3, 2025, respondent was sent another letter by electronic mail to respondent's record bar email address requesting a

response to the request for additional information in this case and was requested to respond by April 14, 2025. A copy of the letter is attached hereto as "Exhibit B".

4. Respondent failed to respond to The Florida Bar as requested in the letter of April 3, 2025.

5. On May 8, 2025, respondent was sent a third letter, by certified U.S. Mail and electronic mail to respondent's record bar addresses, requesting a response to the request for additional information in this case and was requested to respond in ten days to the letter. Copies of the letter and signed certified notice of receipt are attached hereto as composite "Exhibit C".

6. Respondent failed to respond to The Florida Bar as requested in the letter of May 8, 2025.

7. Respondent was given notice that on August 14, 2025, the Grievance Committee (6E) would hold a hearing on the Request for Issuance of Notice of Non-Compliance and Finding of Contempt. A copy of the Notice of Hearing and the Request for Issuance of Notice of Non-Compliance and Finding of Contempt are attached hereto as "Exhibit D".

8. Respondent made no response to the Request for Issuance of Notice of Non-Compliance and Finding of Contempt.

9. As of the date of this Grievance Committee Finding of Non-Compliance and Failure to Respond to Official Bar Inquiry and Contempt, Respondent has failed to respond to the official bar inquiries dated March 20, 2025, April 03, 2025, and May 8, 2025.

10. The Grievance Committee found that Respondent failed to show good cause for failing to respond to the official Bar inquiries and that the non-compliance was willful.

11. The Grievance Committee found Respondent to be in contempt and requested The Florida Bar to file a Petition for Contempt and Order to Show Cause with the Supreme Court.

Dated this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2025.

Grievance Committee 6E



Michael Patrick Fuino, Chair

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that the original hereof has been furnished by regular U.S. Mail to Jeffrey Rice Hussey, 853 Victoria Ter, Altamonte Springs, FL 32701-7308 and via e-mail to [jhusseylaw@outlook.com](mailto:jhusseylaw@outlook.com); Michael Patrick Fuino, Investigating Member, at 600 Cleveland St Ste 600 Clearwater, FL 33755-4151 via email at [Michael.fuino@myclearwater.com](mailto:Michael.fuino@myclearwater.com); Sandra Fascell Diamond, Designated Reviewer, 150 2nd Ave N Ste 570, St Petersburg, FL 33701-3340 via email at [sandra@diamonddlawflorida.com](mailto:sandra@diamonddlawflorida.com), and to Patricia Ann Toro Savitz, Staff Counsel, The Florida Bar, 651 E. Jefferson Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399-2300 via e-mail at [psavitz@floridabar.org](mailto:psavitz@floridabar.org), this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2025

*Catherine B. Toledo*

---

Catherine Bonhomme Toledo, Bar  
Counsel



## The Florida Bar

651 East Jefferson Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-2300

Joshua E. Doyle  
Executive Director

850/561-5600  
www.floridabar.org

March 20, 2025

Via e-mail to [jhusseylaw@outlook.com](mailto:jhusseylaw@outlook.com)

Jeffrey Rice Hussey  
853 Victoria Ter  
Altamonte Springs, FL 32701-7308

Re: Jeffrey Rice Hussey; The Florida Bar File No. 2024-30,171(6E)

Dear Mr. Hussey:

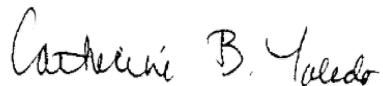
In furtherance of the Grievance Committee's investigation, please provide the following information:

1. Please describe your estimated case load from 2019 to 2020.
2. In your response to the bar you stated: "Much of the time these lawsuits were in litigation, CLS did not provide any legal support staff in the form of a secretary or paralegal to assist me in scheduling, calendaring any events or backup support." Did you ever address the lack of support with Jeffrey Harvey or another employee at CLS? If so, please provide proof of such to the best of your ability.
3. Did you communicate to any of the 3 clients addressed in the complaint (Jose Lopez De Victoria; Isabel Lopez; and Paul Catano) that their cases had been dismissed? If so, please provide proof of such communication to the best of your ability.
4. Did Mr. Lopez De Victoria, Ms. Lopez, or Mr. Catano ever complain about their representation to you, Mr. Harvey, or another employee at CLS?
5. If you have access to copies of the retainer agreement for each client, please provide them. If you do not, please explain to the best of your recollection when each client retained CLS.
6. Regarding Lopez de Victoria v. Trinity Towers East Preservation Associates, please explain what actions you took in response to the court's issuance of any Orders to Show Cause or sanctions.

- a. If you complied with the Order to Show Cause, please explain how and when.
  - b. If you complied with any sanctions, please explain how and when.
7. Was Mr. Harvey made aware of the Order to Show Cause and sanction?
  - a. If not, why not?
  - b. If so, when and how? Please provide proof of any such communication to the best of your ability.
8. Regarding Lopez v. Calvary Towers, please explain when Ms. Lopez retained CLS and why there was a delay in filing suit as compared to her date of denial for housing.
9. Please explain the circumstances surrounding your departure from CLS.
10. To the extent you are aware, were any of the clients in the complaint materially harmed by your alleged conduct?
11. Please provide any additional information or mitigation you wish for the Grievance Committee to consider from the time frame of the alleged conduct.

Please provide the requested information on or before **March 31, 2025**.

Sincerely,



Catherine Bonhomme Toledo  
Bar Counsel

cc: Michael Patrick Fuino, Investigating Member  
Nancy Fry, Co-Investigating Member



# The Florida Bar

Tampa Branch Office  
PO Box 270729  
Tampa, FL 33688  
(813) 875-9821

Joshua E. Doyle  
Executive Director

850/561-5600  
[www.floridabar.org](http://www.floridabar.org)

April 3, 2025

Via e-mail to [jhusseylaw@outlook.com](mailto:jhusseylaw@outlook.com)

Jeffrey Rice Hussey  
853 Victoria Ter  
Altamonte Springs, FL 32701-7308

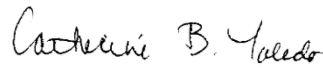
Re: Jeffrey Rice Hussey; The Florida Bar File No. 2024-30,171(6E)

Dear Mr. Hussey:

Enclosed you will find correspondence dated March 20, 2025, requiring a response by March 31, 2025. The bar has not received your reply. This correspondence requested additional information related to your case. Please be advised that a written response is required pursuant to Rule 4-8.4(g) of the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar.

Please also be advised that if a response is not received by April 14, 2026, the grievance committee may consider contempt proceedings under Rule 3-7.11(f) of the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar.

Sincerely,

  
Catherine Bonhomme Toledo  
Bar Counsel

Enclosure



# The Florida Bar

Tampa Branch Office  
PO Box 270729  
Tampa, FL 33688  
(813) 875-9821

Joshua E. Doyle  
Executive Director

850/561-5600  
www.floridabar.org

May 8, 2025

Via e-mail to [jhusseylaw@outlook.com](mailto:jhusseylaw@outlook.com) and [jhussey1@cfl.rr.com](mailto:jhussey1@cfl.rr.com) and  
Certified Mail – Return Receipt Requested No. 7016 3010 0000 3167 2205

Jeffrey Rice Hussey  
853 Victoria Ter  
Altamonte Springs, FL 32701-7308

Re: Jeffrey Rice Hussey; The Florida Bar File No. 2024-30,171(6E)

Dear Mr. Hussey:

Enclosed you will find correspondence dated March 20, 2025 and April 3, 2025, requiring a response. Please be advised that a written response is required pursuant to Rule 4-8.4(g) of the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar, and a response has not been received.

If a response is not received by **May 19, 2025**, the grievance committee may consider contempt proceedings under Rule 3-7.11(f) of the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar.

Sincerely,

Catherine Bonhomme Toledo  
Bar Counsel

Enclosures

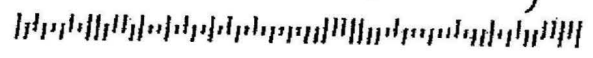
Service

MAY 15 2025  
FLORIDA BAR  
TAMPA BRANCH

Sender: Please print your name, address, and ZIP+4® in this box®

**THE FLORIDA BAR**  
TAMPA OFFICE  
P.O. Box 270729  
TAMPA, FL 33688

2024-30771 (6E)



PLACE STICKER AT TOP OF ENVELOPE TO THE RIGHT OF THE RETURN ADDRESS FOR DELIVERY

SENDER: COMPLETE THIS SECTION	COMPLETE THIS SECTION ON DELIVERY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete items 1, 2, and 3.</li> <li>Print your name and address on the reverse so that we can return the card to you.</li> <li>Attach this card to the back of the mailpiece, or on the front if space permits.</li> </ul>	<p>A. Signature  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adult Signature <input type="checkbox"/> Agent  <input type="checkbox"/> Addressee</p> <p>B. Received by (Printed Name)            K. Hussey</p> <p>C. Date of Delivery            5/10/25</p>
<p>1. Article Addressed to:</p> <p><b>Mr. Jeffrey Rice Hussey</b>  <b>853 Victoria Ter</b>  <b>Altamonte Springs, FL 32701-7308</b></p>	<p>D. Is delivery address different from item 1? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No            If YES, enter delivery address below:</p>
<p>2. Article Number (Transfer from service label)</p> <p>9590 9402 5660 9308 7504 18</p> <p>7016 3010 0000 3167 2205</p>	<p>3. Service Type</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Adult Signature</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Adult Signature Restricted Delivery</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certified Mail®</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Certified Mail Restricted Delivery</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Collect on Delivery</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Collect on Delivery Restricted Delivery</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Insured Mail</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Insured Mail Restricted Delivery (over \$500)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Priority Mail Express®</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Registered Mail™</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Registered Mail Restricted Delivery</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Return Receipt for Merchandise</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Signature Confirmation™</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Signature Confirmation Restricted Delivery</li> </ul>
<p>PS Form 3811, July 2015 PSN 7530-02-000-9053</p>	<p>Domestic Return Receipt</p>



# The Florida Bar

Tampa Branch Office  
400 N. Tampa Street, Suite 2000  
Tampa, FL 33602  
(813) 875-9821

Joshua E. Doyle  
Executive Director

850/561-5600  
www.floridabar.org

August 4, 2025

Via e-mail to [jhusseylaw@outlook.com](mailto:jhusseylaw@outlook.com)

Jeffrey Rice Hussey  
853 Victoria Terrace  
Altamonte Springs, FL 32701-7308

Re: Jeffrey Rice Hussey; The Florida Bar File No. 2024-30,171 (6E)

Dear Mr. Hussey:

This letter is to advise you that the Circuit Judicial Grievance Committee 6E will consider the above-referenced case on **August 14, 2025**, pursuant to Rule 3-7.4, Rules Regulating The Florida Bar. The matter to be heard is the **Request For Issuance of Notice of Non-Compliance and Finding of Contempt**.

You have the opportunity to make a written statement, sworn or unsworn, explaining, refuting or admitting the alleged misconduct. This statement must be received by me no later than 5 days prior to the scheduled meeting date. Pursuant to Rules Regulating The Florida Bar 3-7.4, the respondent has no right to personally appear before the committee. You have request permission to appear before the committee by submitting a written detailed explanation of the need for a hearing which must include a summary of the information anticipated to be developed through personal appearance. The rules do not allow for any right of appeal of the committee's decision allowing or disallowing a personal appearance.

Sincerely,

Catherine Bonhomme Toledo  
Bar Counsel

# THE FLORIDA BAR

Enclosure: Grievance Committee Roster

cc: Jeffrey Harvey, Complainant  
Michael Patrick Fuino, Chair and Investigating Member  
Sandra Fascell Diamond, Designated Reviewer

# THE FLORIDA BAR

## SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE “E”

### Designated Reviewer

Sandra Fascell Diamond, Esq.

### Attorney Members:

Michael Patrick Fuino, Esq. (Chair)

Klarika Jean Caplano, Esq.

Sean Achilles Costis, Esq.

Jeffrey Allen Eisel, Esq.

### Public Members:

Tracey Wiseman

Nancy Fry

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA  
(Before a Grievance Committee)

THE FLORIDA BAR,  
Complainant,

The Florida Bar File No.  
2024-30,171 (6E)

v.

JEFFREY RICE HUSSEY,  
Respondent.

---

**REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANCE  
AND FINDING OF CONTEMPT**

Pursuant to Rule 3-7.11(f)(2), Rules Regulating The Florida Bar, the undersigned Bar Counsel requests that on **August 14, 2025**, the Grievance Committee 6E, hear the issue of whether respondent shall be found in contempt for failure to respond to an official bar inquiry without good cause shown and states the following:

1. This matter was referred to the Sixth Judicial Circuit Greivance Committee "E" on January 29, 2025.

2. On March 20, 2025, respondent was sent a letter by email to respondent's record bar email address requesting respondent to provide additional information by March 31, 2025. A copy of the letter is attached hereto as "Exhibit A".

3. Respondent failed to respond to The Florida Bar as requested by March 31, 2025.

4. On April 3, 2025, respondent was sent another letter by email to respondent's record bar email address requesting a response to the request for additional information by April 14, 2025. A copy of the letter is attached hereto as "Exhibit B".

5. Respondent failed to respond to The Florida Bar as requested by April 14, 2025.

6. On May 8, 2025, respondent was sent a third letter, by certified U.S. Mail and email to respondent's record bar addresses, as well as an additional email address, requesting a response to the request for additional information in this case. The letter requested a response by May 19, 2025. Copies of the letter and signed certified notice of receipt are attached hereto as composite "Exhibit C".

7. Respondent failed to respond to The Florida Bar as requested by May 19, 2025.

8. As of the date of this Request for Issuance of Notice of Non-Compliance and Finding of Contempt, the respondent has willfully failed to respond to an official Bar inquiry without good cause.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned Bar Counsel respectfully requests that this Grievance Committee issue its findings as to whether respondent

has willfully failed to respond to an official Bar inquiry and whether respondent should be held in contempt for failure to respond to an official Bar inquiry.

*Catherine B. Toledo*

Catherine Bonhomme Toledo, Bar  
Counsel  
The Florida Bar  
Tampa Branch Office  
400 N. Tampa Street, Suite 2000  
Tampa, FL 33602  
(813) 875-9821  
Florida Bar No.94000  
[ctoledo@floridabar.org](mailto:ctoledo@floridabar.org)

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify this document has been furnished by regular U.S. Mail and email to Respondent, Jeffrey Rice Hussey, 853 Victoria Terrace, Altamonte Springs, FL 32701-7308, [jhusseylaw@outlook.com](mailto:jhusseylaw@outlook.com); and via email to Michael Patrick Fuino, Chair and Investigating Member at [michael.fuino@myclearwater.com](mailto:michael.fuino@myclearwater.com); Sandra Fascell Diamond, Designated Reviewer, [sandra@diamonddlawflorida.com](mailto:sandra@diamonddlawflorida.com), and to Patricia Ann Toro Savitz, Staff Counsel, via email at [psavitz@floridabar.org](mailto:psavitz@floridabar.org), dated this 4th day of August, 2025.

*Catherine B. Toledo*

---

Catherine Bonhomme Toledo, Bar  
Counsel