

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

THE FLORIDA BAR,	Supreme Court Case
Complainant,	_____ /
vs.	NO. SC2024-30,615(7B)
	(CES)
NATALIE R. JONES,	
Respondent.	

**RESPONDENT/ATTORNEY NATALIE R. JONES
RESPONSE, ANSWER, and AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES TO
FLORIDA BAR’S PETITION FOR EMERGENCY
SUSPENSION**

COMES NOW, the Respondent, NATALIE R JONES, by and through undersigned counsel and files this Response, Answer, and Affirmative Defenses to the Petitioner THE FLORIDA BAR’s (“Florida Bar” and “Petitioner”) Petition for Emergency Suspension and states (the following paragraphs correspond to the numbered paragraphs of the Petition):

1. Unknown and therefore denied.
2. Admit.
3. Admit.
4. Unknown as to what the Florida Bar’s Investigation indicated.
5. Admit.
6. Admit.
7. Admitted.
8. Admit.
9. Denied.
10. Denied.

11. Admit.
12. Denied.
13. Unknown. Can neither Admit or Deny.
14. Unknown. Can neither Admit or Deny.
15. Unknown. Can neither Admit or Deny.
16. Denied.
17. Admit.
18. Denied.
19. Denied.
20. Denied.
21. Admit.
22. Admit
23. Denied.
24. Subparagraphs a – j are Denied.

AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

1. The alleged conduct does not pose an immediate threat to the public as all clients received their full settlement funds upon receipt of their settlement checks.
2. Medical providers impacted by delayed funds during the pandemic have all been contacted and informed.
3. After 30 years with the Florida Bar, Natalie Renee Jones has never been investigated or disciplined by the Florida Bar.
4. Respondent has been completely available, responsive, and forthright to Florida Bar Counsel.
5. Non-Emergent Nature of Allegations - Respondent is entitled to dissolution and/or vacating of the emergency suspension because the allegations do not warrant an emergency suspension.
6. Right to Supplement Affirmative Defenses - Respondent retains the right to amend, supplement, and add to these Affirmative Defenses.

WHEREFORE, Respondent respectfully requests that the Court deny the Petition for Emergency Suspension and allow the disciplinary proceedings to proceed in the normal course.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on Oct. 14, 2024, a true and correct copy of the foregoing 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 to LISA J. RAMSEY, lramsey@floridabar.org, Bar Counsel, The Florida Bar, 1000 Legion Place, Suite 1625, Orlando, FL 32801; PATRICIA ANN TORO SAVITZ, psavitz@floridabar.org Staff Counsel, The Florida Bar, 651 East Jefferson Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2300.

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