

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

THE FLORIDA BAR,

Complainant,

v.

MENDEL ZILBERBERG,

Respondent.

Supreme Court Case  
No.

The Florida Bar File  
No. 2024-00,019(2A)NFC

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**NOTICE OF JUDGMENT OF GUILT**

COMES NOW, The Florida Bar, and files this Notice of Judgment of Guilt, pursuant to Rule 3-7.2(f), Rules of Discipline of The Florida Bar, and says:

1. Respondent is a member of The Florida Bar, admitted on July 29, 1997.
2. On March 19, 2024, respondent was found guilty of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1349, 3293 Conspiracy to Commit Bank Fraud, 18 U.S.C. §§ 1344, 3293 Bank Fraud, 18 U.S.C. §§ 371, 3293 Conspiracy to Make False Statements to a Bank, 18U.S.C.§§1014, 3292,2 Making False Statements to a Bank, and 18 U.S.C. §§ 656, 3293 Embezzlement and Misappropriation of Bank Funds. The Judgment in a Criminal Case is attached as Exhibit A.

3. Respondent was sentenced to 30 months on each count to run concurrently, followed by 3 years supervised probation.

4. Respondent was further ordered to pay \$1,066,853.00 in restitution to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and Valley National Bank.

5. Respondent initially agreed to file a petition for disciplinary revocation and requested the bar file the petition on his behalf. However, despite attempting several drafts, the bar and respondent were ultimately unable to agree on the language in the petition, and it was not filed.

WHEREFORE, The Florida Bar respectfully requests that this Court enter an order:

A. Finding respondent guilty of violating Rule 3-4.3 (Misconduct and Minor Misconduct), 3-4.4 (Criminal Misconduct) and 4-8.4(b) (A lawyer shall not commit a criminal act that reflects adversely on the lawyer's honesty, trustworthiness or fitness as a lawyer in other respects.) of the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar;

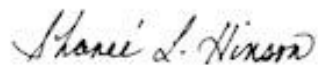
B. Suspending respondent pursuant to Rule 3-7.2(f), Rules of Discipline of The Florida Bar;

C. Ordering respondent to furnish a copy of the suspension order to all clients, opposing counsel and courts before which he is counsel of

record as required by Rule 3-5.1(h) of the Rules of Discipline of The Florida Bar and to furnish staff counsel with the requisite affidavit listing all clients, counsel and courts so informed within 30 days after receipt of the court's order; and

D. Appointing or directing the appointment of a referee to conduct a hearing on sanctions pursuant to Rule 3-7.2(h), Rules of Discipline of The Florida Bar.

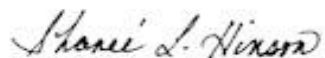
Respectfully submitted,



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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 Brian Lee Tannebaum, Counsel for Respondent, at [btannebaum@tannebaum.com](mailto:btannebaum@tannebaum.com); and that a copy has been provided by United States Mail via Certified Mail No. 7020 1810 0000 0813 5192, return receipt requested, to Brian Lee Tannebaum, whose record bar address is 1 SE 3rd Avenue, Suite 2410, Miami, FL 33131-1700, and via email to Patricia Ann Toro Savitz, Staff Counsel, The Florida Bar, [psavitz@floridabar.org](mailto:psavitz@floridabar.org), on this 7th day of May, 2025.



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**NOTICE OF TRIAL COUNSEL AND DESIGNATION OF PRIMARY  
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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the trial counsel in this matter is Shaneé L. Hinson, Bar Counsel, whose address, telephone number and primary email address are The Florida Bar, Tallahassee Branch Office, 651 E. Jefferson Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2300, (850) 561-5845 and [shinson@floridabar.org](mailto:shinson@floridabar.org). Respondent need not address pleadings, correspondence, etc., in this matter to anyone other than trial counsel and to Patricia Ann Toro Savitz, Staff Counsel, The Florida Bar, 651 E. Jefferson Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399-2300, [psavitz@floridabar.org](mailto:psavitz@floridabar.org).