

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

THE FLORIDA BAR,

Complainant,

The Florida Bar File
No. 2023-10,504 (13A)

v.

JAMES P KNOX,

Respondent.

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

On October 3, 2023, pursuant to Rule 3-7.11(f), Rules Regulating The Florida Bar, the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit Grievance Committee "A" 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 April 13, 2023, The Florida Bar sent respondent a letter by regular U.S. Mail to Respondent's record Bar address advising of a complaint in this case and was requested to respond by April 28, 2023. 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 April 13, 2023.

3. Respondent was given an extension to May 8, 2023 to respond to The Florida Bar's inquiry.

4. Respondent failed to respond to The Florida Bar as requested.

5. On May 24, 2023, respondent was sent another letter, via electronic mail respondent's record bar email address, advising of a complaint in this case and was requested to respond in ten days to the letter. A copy of the letter is attached hereto as "Exhibit B".

6. Respondent failed to respond to The Florida Bar as requested in the letter of May 24, 2023.

7. Respondent was given an extension to June 9, 2023. A copy of the correspondence is attached hereto as "Exhibit C".

8. Respondent failed to respond to The Florida Bar as requested.

9. Respondent was given notice that on October 3, 2023, the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit Grievance Committee A 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".

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

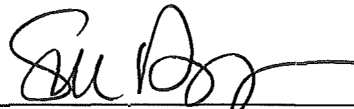
11. As of the date of this Request for Issuance of Notice of Non-Compliance and Finding of Contempt, Respondent has failed to respond to the official Bar inquiries dated April 13, 2023 and May 24, 2023.

12. 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.

13. 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 31st day of October, 2023.

Thirteenth Judicial Circuit Grievance
Committee "A



Sacha Dyson, Chair

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that the original hereof has been furnished by regular U.S. Mail to, James P Knox, 1408 W Swann Ave, Tampa, FL 336062533 and via e-mail to knox@tampabayfamilylawyer.com; Kimberly Biemiller, NMLSR, Investigating Member, at 3905 W Barcelona St. Tampa, FL 33629; Jeffrey Carter Andersen, Designated Reviewer, PO Box 3913, Tampa, FL 336013913, and to Staff Counsel, The Florida Bar, 651 E. Jefferson Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399-2300 via e-mail at psavitz@floridabar.org, this 2nd day of November, 2023.



Courtney L. Thomas, Bar Counsel



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April 13, 2023

Mr. James P Knox
1408 W Swann Ave
Tampa, FL 33606-2533

Re: Complaint by Carrie Rawdan against James P Knox
The Florida Bar File No. 2023-10,504 (13C)

Dear Mr. Knox:

Enclosed is a copy of an inquiry/complaint and any supporting documents submitted by the above referenced complainant(s). Your response to this complaint is required under the provisions of Rule 4-8.4(g), Rules of Professional Conduct of the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar, and is due in our office by **April 28, 2023**. **Responses should not exceed 25 pages** and may refer to any additional documents or exhibits that are available on request. Failure to provide a written response to this complaint is in itself a violation of Rule 4-8.4(g). **You are further required to furnish the complainant with a complete copy of your written response, including any documents submitted therewith.**

Pursuant to Rule 3-7.1(f), Rules of Discipline, you are further required to complete and return the enclosed Certificate of Disclosure form.

Finally, the filing of this complaint does not preclude communication between the attorney and the complainant(s). Please review the enclosed Notice for information on submitting your response.

Sincerely,

Richard W. Coombs, Bar Counsel
Attorney Consumer Assistance Program
ACAP Hotline 866-352-0707

Enclosures

cc: Ms. Carrie Rawdan



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May 24, 2023

VIA E-Mail to knox@tampabayfamilylawyer.com

James P. Knox
1408 W. Swann Avenue
Tampa, FL 33606

Re: Complaint of Carrie Rawdan against James P. Knox
The Florida Bar File No. 2023-10,504 (13A)

Dear Mr. Knox:

Enclosed you will find correspondence dated April 13, 2023, 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 June 2, 2023, this matter will be forwarded to the grievance committee for further investigation.

Sincerely,

Courtney L. Thomas
Bar Counsel
Enclosure

From: [Thomas, Courtney](#)
To: [Jim Knox](#)
Cc: [Serralta, Yra](#)
Subject: RE: KNOX - TFB#2023-10,504 (13A) - 10 DAY LETTER TO RESPONDENT WITH ATTACHMENTS
Date: Friday, June 2, 2023 1:37:00 PM

Good Afternoon Mr. Knox,

Our office can grant one additional extension to **June 9, 2023**. Please ensure you provide a response by that date. Thank you!

Courtney Thomas, Esq.
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From: Jim Knox <knox@tampabayfamilylawyer.com>
Sent: Friday, June 2, 2023 1:31 PM
To: Serralta, Yra <YSerralta@floridabar.org>
Cc: Thomas, Courtney <cthomas@floridabar.org>
Subject: RE: KNOX - TFB#2023-10,504 (13A) - 10 DAY LETTER TO RESPONDENT WITH ATTACHMENTS

I have replied requesting an extension of time to respond. Jim Knox.

From: Serralta, Yra <YSerralta@floridabar.org>
Sent: Wednesday, May 24, 2023 3:18 PM
To: Jim Knox <knox@tampabayfamilylawyer.com>
Cc: Thomas, Courtney <cthomas@floridabar.org>
Subject: KNOX - TFB#2023-10,504 (13A) - 10 DAY LETTER TO RESPONDENT WITH ATTACHMENTS

On behalf of Courtney L. Thomas, Bar Counsel, please find enclosed correspondence requesting your response on or before June 2, 2023 regarding the above-referenced matter. Thank you

*Yra Serralta, Legal Assistant to:
Evan D. Rosen, Bar Counsel*

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**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 October 3, 2023, the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit Grievance Committee A, 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. On April 13, 2023, respondent was sent a letter by regular U.S. Mail to respondent's record Bar address advising of a complaint in this case and was requested to respond by April 28, 2023. A copy of the letter is attached hereto as "Exhibit A".

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6. Respondent failed to respond to The Florida Bar as requested in the letter of May 24, 2023.

7. Respondent was given an extension to June 9, 2023 extended date.

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.

Respectfully submitted,



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I certify this document has been furnished by regular U.S. Mail and email to respondent, James P. Knox, 1408 W Swann Ave, Tampa, FL 336062533; knox@tampabayfamilylawyer.com; and via email to Sacha Dyson, Chair at, 401 E Jackson St. Ste 2700, Tampa, FL 33602-5841; sacha.dyson@gray-robinson.com; Kimberly Biemiller, NMLSR, Investigating Member, at 3905 W Barcelona St. Tampa, FL 33629; biemiller3905@gmail.com; Jeffrey Carter Andersen, Designated Reviewer, at, PO Box 3913, Tampa, FL 33601-3913; candersen@bushross.com and to Staff Counsel, The Florida Bar, 651 E. Jefferson Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399-2300 via email at psavitz@floridabar.org, dated this 27th day of September, 2023.



Courtney L. Thomas, Bar Counsel