

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

THE FLORIDA BAR,
Complainant,

The Florida Bar File
No. 2025-00,156(8B)

v.

JOSHUA MARK SILVERMAN,
Respondent.

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

On February 11, 2025, pursuant to Rule 3-7.11(f), Rules Regulating The Florida Bar, the Eighth Circuit Grievance Committee "B" 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 October 17, 2024, 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 November 1, 2024. A copy of the letter is attached hereto as "Exhibit A". Respondent failed to respond to the complaint.

2. On November 15, 2024, respondent was sent a reminder letter and was advised to respond to the complaint within in ten days. A copy of the letter is attached hereto as "Exhibit B". Respondent failed to respond.

3. On January 6, 2025, respondent was sent a reminder letter and was advised to respond to the complaint by January 15, 2025. A copy of the letter is attached hereto as "Exhibit C". Respondent failed to respond.

4. On January 14, 2025, respondent was sent the Notice of Investigating Member and was advised to contact the investigating member within January 24, 2025. A copy of the Notice of Investigating Member is attached hereto as "Exhibit D". Respondent failed to respond.

5. 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.

6. Respondent was given notice on January 27, 2025, that the Eighth Judicial Circuit Grievance Committee "B" would hold a hearing on February 11, 2025, on the Request for Issuance of Notice of Non-Compliance and Finding of Contempt. A copy of the Request for Issuance of Notice of Non-Compliance and Finding of Contempt are attached hereto as "Exhibit E".

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

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. 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 26th day of February 2025.

Eighth Circuit Grievance Committee "B"

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James H. McCarty, Jr., Chair

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that the original hereof has been furnished by regular U.S. Mail to, Joshua Mark Silverman, Respondent, 300 E University Ave Ste 240, Gainesville, FL 32601-3462 and via e-mail to joshua@lawgainesville.com; Stephanie Marusak Marchman, Designated Reviewer, via email at stephanie.marchman@gray-robinson.com, and to Patricia Ann Toro Savitz, Staff Counsel, The Florida Bar, via e-mail at psavitz@floridabar.org, this 26th day of February, 2025.

Lauren Michelle Williams

Lauren Michelle Williams, Bar Counsel

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JOSHUA MARK SILVERMAN,
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 February 11, 2025, the Grievance Committee 8B, 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 October 17, 2024, 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 November 1, 2024. A copy of the letter is attached hereto as "Exhibit A". Respondent failed to respond to the complaint.

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5. 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 E-mail to respondent, Joshua Mark Silverman at joshua@lawgainesville.com ; and via email to James H. McCarty, Jr., Chair at mac@mccartyfocks.com ; Stephanie Marusak Marchman, Designated Reviewer, at stephanie.marchman@gray-robinson.com and to Patrica Ann Toro Savitz, Staff Counsel, The Florida Bar, via email at psavitz@floridabar.org, dated this 27th day of January 2025.



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October 17, 2024

Mr. Joshua Mark Silverman
300 E University Ave Ste 240
Gainesville, FL 32601-3462

Re: Joshua Mark Silverman; The Florida Bar File No. 2025-00,156(8B)

Dear Mr. Silverman:

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 **November 1, 2024**. **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 may respond by US Mail or email to acapintake@floridabar.org. **You are further required to furnish the complainant with a complete copy of your written response, including any documents submitted therewith.** you are also required to complete and return the enclosed Certificate of Disclosure form under Rule Regulating The Florida Bar 3-7.1(f). Please note that Standing Board Policy 5.56(e) provides: "Absent unusual circumstances, bar counsel should not agree to extend deadlines for more than 10 days and should not grant a request for extension without a reasonable factual basis for the request, and should not grant more than 1 extension."

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

Sincerely,

Carlos A. Leon, Bar Counsel
Attorney Consumer Assistance Program
ACAP Hotline 866-352-0707

Enclosures

cc: Ms. Joy Walker

Exhibit A

Pursuant to Rule 3-7.1(f), Rules of Discipline, you must execute the appropriate disclosure paragraph below and return the form to this office by **November 1, 2024**. The rule provides that the nature of the charges be stated in the notice to your firm; however, we suggest that you attach a copy of the complaint.

CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this _____ day of _____, 20____, a true copy of the foregoing disclosure was furnished to _____, a member of my present law firm of _____, and, if different, to _____, a member of the law firm of _____, with which I was associated at the time of the act(s) giving rise to the complaint in The Florida Bar File No. 2025-00,156(8B).

Joshua Mark Silverman

CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE
(Corporate/Government Employment)

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this _____ day of _____, 20____, a true copy of the foregoing disclosure was furnished to _____, my supervisor at _____ (name of agency), with which I was associated at the time of the act(s) giving rise to the complaint in The Florida Bar File No. 2025-00,156(8B).

Joshua Mark Silverman

CERTIFICATE OF NON-LAW FIRM AFFILIATION
(Sole Practitioner)

I HEREBY CERTIFY to The Florida Bar on this _____ day of _____, 20____, that I am not presently affiliated with a law firm and was not affiliated with a law firm at the time of the act(s) giving rise to the complaint in The Florida Bar File No. 2025-00,156(8B).

Joshua Mark Silverman

NOTICE OF GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

1. The enclosed letter is an official inquiry by bar counsel. Your response is required under Rule 4-8.4(g) of the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar. Rule 4-8.4(g)(1) and (2) require that a lawyer submit a written response within 15 days to an initial inquiry and within 10 days to any follow-up inquiry made by bar counsel, the grievance committee or the board of governors during the course of an investigation of the lawyer's conduct. You may respond by US Mail or email to acapintake@floridabar.org. Please attach your response to the email and reference the file number in the subject line. If you do not respond, the matter will be forwarded to the grievance committee for disposition in accordance with Rule 3-7.3. Failure to respond may also be a matter of contempt and processed in accordance with Rule 3-7.11(f).
2. Many inquiries considered first by staff counsel are not forwarded to a grievance committee, as they do not involve violations of the Rules of Professional Conduct justifying disciplinary action.
3. Pursuant to Rule 3-7.1, any reports, correspondence, papers, recordings and/or transcripts of hearings submitted by you in this matter shall become accessible to the public upon dismissal or a decision by the grievance committee. Please advise Bar Counsel if you believe any material provided to The Florida Bar is confidential under applicable law and identify the basis of your claim that the material is confidential. Please note that The Florida Bar is required to acknowledge the status of proceedings during the pendency of an investigation, if a specific inquiry is made and the matter is deemed to be in the public domain.
4. The grievance committee is the Bar's "grand jury." Proceedings before the grievance committee are non-adversarial in nature. The grievance committee's function and procedures are set forth in Rule 3-7.4.
5. If the grievance committee finds probable cause, formal adversarial proceedings before the Supreme Court of Florida will be initiated pursuant to Rule 3-7.6. A referee will make a recommendation as to guilt and discipline to The Supreme Court of Florida, unless a plea is submitted pursuant to Rule 3-7.9.



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November 15, 2024

Mr. Joshua Mark Silverman
300 E University Ave Ste 240
Gainesville, FL 32601-3462

Re: Joshua Mark Silverman; The Florida Bar File No. 2025-00,156(8B)

Dear Mr. Silverman:

As of this date, I have not received a copy of your response to the above complaint. Please be advised that you are obligated to provide a written response pursuant to Rule 4-8.4(g).

Please provide the requested information by November 25, 2024. Please note that failure to timely provide this information may be considered a violation of Rule 4-8.4(g).

Sincerely,

Carlos A. Leon, Bar Counsel
Attorney Consumer Assistance Program
ACAP Hotline 866-352-0707

cc: Ms. Joy Walker

Exhibit B



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January 6, 2025

Via E-mail to joshua@lawgainesville.com

Mr. Joshua Mark Silverman
300 E University Ave Ste 240
Gainesville, FL 32601-3462

Re: Joshua Mark Silverman; The Florida Bar File No. 2025-00,156(8B)

Dear Mr. Silverman:

Enclosed you will find correspondence dated **October 17, 2024**, and **November 15, 2024**, 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 **January 15, 2025**, this matter will be forwarded to the grievance committee for further investigation and could result in your suspension from the practice of law.

Sincerely,

Lauren Michelle Williams
Bar Counsel

Enclosure

cc: Ms. Joy Walker

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IN RE: Joshua Mark Silverman; The Florida Bar File No. 2025-00,156(8B)

NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT OF INVESTIGATING MEMBER

TO:

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hansen352@gmail.com

Mr. Joshua Mark Silverman
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The complaint is hereby assigned to the following member(s) of the committee for investigation:

Ms. Lauren Michelle Williams
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lwilliams@floridabar.org

Notice is given that this matter will be considered by the committee. Respondent and complainant shall contact the investigating member within ten days from the date of this notice to discuss the investigation of this matter.

DATED January 14, 2025



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Copies furnished to:

Mr. James H. McCarty, Jr., Chair, Judicial Circuit Grievance Committee 8B