

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

THE FLORIDA BAR,

Complainant,

The Florida Bar File
No. 2025-10,196(6E)

v.

JENNIFER ANNE TANCK,

Respondent.

_____ /

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

On March 13, 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 October 4, 2024, 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 October 21, 2024. A copy of the letter is attached hereto as "Exhibit A".

2. Respondent failed to respond to The Florida Bar as requested by October 21, 2024.

3. On October 29, 2024, respondent was sent another letter by regular U.S. Mail to respondent's record Bar address, advising of a

complaint in this case, and requesting a response by November 8, 2024. A copy of the letter is attached hereto as "Exhibit B".

4. Respondent failed to respond to The Florida Bar as requested by November 8, 2024.

5. On November 21, 2024, respondent was sent another letter via email advising the respondent of the complaint, transferring the case to a branch office, advising respondent that she failed to respond twice previously, and requesting a response by December 2, 2024. A copy of the letter is attached hereto as "Exhibit C".

6. On January 22, 2025, respondent was given notice via email and U.S. certified mail that on February 13, 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".

7. On February 12, 2025, respondent replied via email that she would provide a response to the bar. The Request for Issuance of Notice of Non-Compliance and Finding of Contempt was continued. A copy of the emails are attached hereto as "Exhibit E".

8. On February 27, 2025, respondent was given notice via email and U.S. certified mail that on March 13, 2025 the Grievance Committee 6E would hold a hearing to again consider 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 F".

9. As of the date of this Request for Issuance of Notice of Non-Compliance and Finding of Contempt, respondent failed to respond to the official Bar inquiries.

10. On March 13, 2025, Grievance Committee 6E 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 6E 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 29th day of April, 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, Ms. Jennifer Anne Tanck, 360 Central Ave Ste 800, Saint Petersburg, FL 33701-3984 and via e-mail to jennifer.tanck@tancklaw.com; Sandra Fascell Diamond, Designated Reviewer, 150 2nd Ave N Ste 570, St. Petersburg, FL 33701-3340 via email at sandra@diamondlawflorida.com; and to Staff Counsel, The Florida Bar, 651 E. Jefferson Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399-2300 via e-mail at psavitz@floridabar.org, this 25th day of April, 2025.

Catherine B. Toledo

Catherine Bonhomme Toledo, Bar
Counsel



Exhibit A

The Florida Bar

651 East Jefferson Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-2300

Joshua E. Doyle
Executive Director

850/561-5600
www.floridabar.org

October 4, 2024

Ms. Jennifer Anne Tanck
360 Central Ave Ste 800
Saint Petersburg, FL 33701-3984

Re: Jennifer Anne Tanck; The Florida Bar File No. 2025-10,196(6E)

Dear Ms. Tanck:

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 **October 21, 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,

Allie F. Huston, Bar Counsel
Attorney Consumer Assistance Program
ACAP Hotline 866-352-0707

Enclosures

cc: Ms. Elizabeth A. Stewart

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 **October 21, 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. 2025-10,196(6E).

Jennifer Anne Tanck

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. 2025-10,196(6E).

Jennifer Anne Tanck

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. 2025-10,196(6E).

Jennifer Anne Tanck

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.



The Florida Bar

651 East Jefferson Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-2300

Joshua E. Doyle
Executive Director

850/561-5600
www.floridabar.org

October 4, 2024

Ms. Elizabeth A. Stewart
Elizabeth A. Stewart PA
P.O. Box 312
Lake Wales, FL 33859

Re: Jennifer Anne Tanck; The Florida Bar File No. 2025-10,196(6E)

Dear Ms. Stewart:

Enclosed is a copy of our letter to Ms. Tanck which requires a response to your complaint.

Once you receive Ms. Tanck's response, you have 10 days to file a rebuttal if you so desire. **If you decide to file a rebuttal, you must send a copy to Ms. Tanck.** Rebuttals should not exceed 25 pages and may refer to any additional documents or exhibits that are available on request. Please address any and all correspondence to me. You may respond by US Mail or email to acapintake@floridabar.org.

Please be advised that as an arm of the Supreme Court of Florida, The Florida Bar can investigate allegations of misconduct against attorneys, and where appropriate, request that the attorney be disciplined. The Florida Bar cannot render legal advice nor can The Florida Bar represent individuals or intervene on their behalf in any civil or criminal matter.

Please review the enclosed Notice on mailing instructions for information on submitting your rebuttal.

Sincerely,

Allie F. Huston, Bar Counsel
Attorney Consumer Assistance Program
ACAP Hotline 866-352-0707

Enclosures

cc: Ms. Jennifer Anne Tanck



Exhibit B

The Florida Bar

651 East Jefferson Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-2300

Joshua E. Doyle
Executive Director

850/561-5600
www.floridabar.org

October 29, 2024

Ms. Jennifer Anne Tanck
360 Central Ave Ste 800
Saint Petersburg, FL 33701-3984

Re: Jennifer Anne Tanck; The Florida Bar File No. 2025-10,196(6E)

Dear Ms. Tanck:

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 8, 2024. Please note that failure to timely provide this information may be considered a violation of Rule 4-8.4(g).

Sincerely,

Allie F. Huston, Bar Counsel
Attorney Consumer Assistance Program
ACAP Hotline 866-352-0707

cc: Ms. Elizabeth A. Stewart



Exhibit C

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

November 21, 2024

Via e-mail to jennifer.tanck@tancklaw.com

Jennifer Anne Tanck
360 Central Ave, Ste 800
Saint Petersburg, FL 33701-3984

Re: Complaint of Elizabeth A. Stewart against Jennifer Anne Tanck
The Florida Bar File No. 2025-10,196(6E)

Dear Ms. Tanck:

Please be advised that this case was recently transferred to the Tampa Branch Office of The Florida Bar. Please send all correspondence in this matter, referencing the above case number to the attention of the undersigned, preferably by electronic mail at the following address:

Catherine Bonhomme Toledo
The Florida Bar
PO Box 270729
Tampa, FL 33688
ctoledo@floridabar.org

Enclosed you will find correspondence dated October 4, 2024 and October 29, 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 **December 2, 2024**, this matter will be forwarded to the grievance committee for further investigation.

Sincerely,

Catherine Bonhomme Toledo
Bar Counsel

Enclosures

cc: Elizabeth A. Stewart, Complainant

From: [Arnold, Lisa](#)
To: jennifer.tanck@tancklaw.com
Cc: stewart@eastewartlaw.com; [Michael Patrick Fuino](#); [Sandra Fascell Diamond](#); [Savitz, Patti A.](#); [Toledo, Catie](#)
Subject: Elizabeth A. Stewart v. Jennifer Anne Tanck; TFB File No. 2025-10,196(6E)
Date: Wednesday, January 22, 2025 9:25:00 AM
Attachments: [Letter to Respondent - Notice of Hearing Non Compliance - Tanck.pdf](#)
[GC Request For Issuance of Non Compliance and Contempt - T.anck.pdf](#)
[Exhibits to GC Request for Issuance of Non Compliance and Contempt - Tanck.pdf](#)

Good morning Ms. Tanck,

On behalf of Bar Counsel Catherine B. Toledo, please find attached correspondence and Request for Issuance of Non-Compliance and Finding of Contempt with Exhibits, related to the above referenced matter.

Thank you,

Lisa Arnold
Legal Assistant
The Florida Bar, Lawyer Regulation
[P.O. Box 270729](#)
[Tampa, FL 33688](#)
(813) 875-9821 Ext. 4319
Email: larnold@floridabar.org
Website: <http://www.floridabar.org>



Please note: Florida has very broad public records laws. Many written communications to or from The Florida Bar regarding Bar business may be considered public records, which must be made available to anyone upon request. Your e-mail communications may therefore be subject to public disclosure.



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

January 22, 2025

Via Regular and Certified Mail No. 7019 0700 0002 2245 5435, and
Via e-mail to jennifer.tanck@tancklaw.com

Jennifer Anne Tanck
360 Central Ave, Ste 800
Saint Petersburg, FL 33701-3984

Re: Jennifer Anne Tanck; The Florida Bar File No. 2025-10,196(6E)

Dear Ms. Tanck:

This letter is to advise you that the Circuit Judicial Grievance Committee 6E will consider the above-referenced case on February 13, 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

Enclosure: Grievance Committee Roster

THE FLORIDA BAR

cc: Elizabeth A. Stewart, Complainant
Michael Patrick Fuino, Chair
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

Effective April 1, 2024

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

THE FLORIDA BAR,

Complainant,

The Florida Bar File No.
2025-10,196(6E)

v.

JENNIFER ANNE TANCK,

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 13, 2025, the Sixth Judicial Circuit Grievance Committee "E", 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 4, 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 requesting a response by October 21, 2024. A copy of the letter is attached hereto as "Exhibit A".

2. Respondent failed to respond to The Florida Bar as requested by the letter on October 4, 2024.

3. On October 29, 2024, respondent was sent another letter by regular U.S. Mail to respondent's record bar address, advising of a complaint in this case and requesting a response by November 8, 2024. A copy of the letter is attached hereto as "Exhibit B".

4. Respondent failed to respond to The Florida Bar as requested by the letter on October 29, 2024.

5. On November 21, 2024, respondent was sent another letter by email to respondent's record bar email address, advising of a complaint in this case and requesting a response by December 2, 2024. A copy of the letter is attached hereto as "Exhibit C".

6. Respondent failed to respond to The Florida Bar as requested by the letter on November 21, 2024.

7. 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
PO Box 270729
Tampa, FL 33688
(813) 875-9821
Florida Bar No.94000
ctoledo@floridabar.org

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify this document has been furnished to the respondent, Jennifer Anne Tanck by regular U.S. Mail and Certified Mail No. 7019 0700 0002 2245 5435, Return Receipt Requested, to her record bar address of 360 Central Ave Ste 800, Saint Petersburg, FL 33701-3984; and via e-mail to jennifer.tanck@tancklaw.com; with copies via email to Michael Patrick Fuino, Chair at michael.fuino@myclearwater.com; Sandra Fascell Diamond, Designated Reviewer at sandra@diamondlawflorida.com and to Patricia Ann Toro Savitz, Staff Counsel, The Florida Bar, via email at psavitz@floridabar.org, dated this 22nd day of January, 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

October 4, 2024

Ms. Jennifer Anne Tanck
360 Central Ave Ste 800
Saint Petersburg, FL 33701-3984

Re: Jennifer Anne Tanck; The Florida Bar File No. 2025-10,196(6E)

Dear Ms. Tanck:

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 **October 21, 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,

Allie F. Huston, Bar Counsel
Attorney Consumer Assistance Program
ACAP Hotline 866-352-0707

Enclosures

cc: Ms. Elizabeth A. Stewart

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 **October 21, 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. 2025-10,196(6E).

Jennifer Anne Tanck

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. 2025-10,196(6E).

Jennifer Anne Tanck

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. 2025-10,196(6E).

Jennifer Anne Tanck

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.



The Florida Bar

651 East Jefferson Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-2300

Joshua E. Doyle
Executive Director

850/561-5600
www.floridabar.org

October 4, 2024

Ms. Elizabeth A. Stewart
Elizabeth A. Stewart PA
P.O. Box 312
Lake Wales, FL 33859

Re: Jennifer Anne Tanck; The Florida Bar File No. 2025-10,196(6E)

Dear Ms. Stewart:

Enclosed is a copy of our letter to Ms. Tanck which requires a response to your complaint.

Once you receive Ms. Tanck's response, you have 10 days to file a rebuttal if you so desire. **If you decide to file a rebuttal, you must send a copy to Ms. Tanck.** Rebuttals should not exceed 25 pages and may refer to any additional documents or exhibits that are available on request. Please address any and all correspondence to me. You may respond by US Mail or email to acapintake@floridabar.org.

Please be advised that as an arm of the Supreme Court of Florida, The Florida Bar can investigate allegations of misconduct against attorneys, and where appropriate, request that the attorney be disciplined. The Florida Bar cannot render legal advice nor can The Florida Bar represent individuals or intervene on their behalf in any civil or criminal matter.

Please review the enclosed Notice on mailing instructions for information on submitting your rebuttal.

Sincerely,

Allie F. Huston, Bar Counsel
Attorney Consumer Assistance Program
ACAP Hotline 866-352-0707

Enclosures

cc: Ms. Jennifer Anne Tanck

Ms. Jennifer Anne Tanck
360 Central Ave Ste 800
Saint Petersburg, FL 33701-3984



The Florida Bar

651 East Jefferson Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-2300

Joshua E. Doyle
Executive Director

850/561-5600
www.floridabar.org

October 4, 2024

Ms. Elizabeth A. Stewart
Elizabeth A. Stewart PA
P.O. Box 312
Lake Wales, FL 33859

Re: Jennifer Anne Tanck; The Florida Bar File No. 2025-10,196(6E)

Dear Ms. Stewart:

Enclosed is a copy of our letter to Ms. Tanck which requires a response to your complaint.

Once you receive Ms. Tanck's response, you have 10 days to file a rebuttal if you so desire. **If you decide to file a rebuttal, you must send a copy to Ms. Tanck.** Rebuttals should not exceed 25 pages and may refer to any additional documents or exhibits that are available on request. Please address any and all correspondence to me. You may respond by US Mail or email to acapintake@floridabar.org.

Please be advised that as an arm of the Supreme Court of Florida, The Florida Bar can investigate allegations of misconduct against attorneys, and where appropriate, request that the attorney be disciplined. The Florida Bar cannot render legal advice nor can The Florida Bar represent individuals or intervene on their behalf in any civil or criminal matter.

Please review the enclosed Notice on mailing instructions for information on submitting your rebuttal.

Sincerely,

Allie F. Huston, Bar Counsel
Attorney Consumer Assistance Program
ACAP Hotline 866-352-0707

Enclosures

cc: Ms. Jennifer Anne Tanck



The Florida Bar

651 East Jefferson Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-2300

Joshua E. Doyle
Executive Director

850/561-5600
www.floridabar.org

October 4, 2024

Ms. Jennifer Anne Tanck
360 Central Ave Ste 800
Saint Petersburg, FL 33701-3984

Re: Jennifer Anne Tanck; The Florida Bar File No. 2025-10,196(6E)

Dear Ms. Tanck:

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 **October 21, 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,

Allie F. Huston, Bar Counsel
Attorney Consumer Assistance Program
ACAP Hotline 866-352-0707

Enclosures

cc: Ms. Elizabeth A. Stewart

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 complaints 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(a), Rules of Discipline, any response by you in these proceedings shall become part of the public record of this matter and thereby become accessible to the public upon the closure of the case by Bar counsel or upon a finding of no probable cause, probable cause, minor misconduct, or recommendation of diversion. Disclosure during the pendency of an investigation may be made only as to status if a specific inquiry concerning this case is made and if this matter is generally known to be in the public domain."

4. The grievance committee is the Bar's "grand jury." Its function and procedure are set forth in Rule 3-7.4. Proceedings before the grievance committee, for the most part, are non-adversarial in nature. However, you should carefully review Chapter 3 of the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar.

5. If the grievance committee finds probable cause, formal adversarial proceedings, which ordinarily lead to disposition by the Supreme Court of Florida, will be commenced under 3-7.6, unless a plea is submitted under Rule 3-7.9.

Ms. Elizabeth A. Stewart
Elizabeth A. Stewart PA
P.O. Box 312
Lake Wales, FL 33859



The Florida Bar

651 East Jefferson Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-2300

Joshua E. Doyle
Executive Director

850/561-5600
www.floridabar.org

October 29, 2024

Ms. Jennifer Anne Tanck
360 Central Ave Ste 800
Saint Petersburg, FL 33701-3984

Re: Jennifer Anne Tanck; The Florida Bar File No. 2025-10,196(6E)

Dear Ms. Tanck:

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 8, 2024. Please note that failure to timely provide this information may be considered a violation of Rule 4-8.4(g).

Sincerely,

Allie F. Huston, Bar Counsel
Attorney Consumer Assistance Program
ACAP Hotline 866-352-0707

cc: Ms. Elizabeth A. Stewart

From: [Arnold, Lisa](#)
To: ["jennifer.tanck@tancklaw.com"](mailto:jennifer.tanck@tancklaw.com)
Cc: ["stewart@eastewartlaw.com"](mailto:stewart@eastewartlaw.com); [Toledo, Catie](#)
Subject: Elizabeth A. Stewart v. Jennifer Anne Tanck; TFB File No. 2025-10,196(6E)
Date: Thursday, November 21, 2024 10:42:00 AM
Attachments: [10 Day Letter to Respondent - No Response to Complaint Received - Tanck.pdf](#)
[15 Day Letter to Respondent 10.4.24 - Tanck.pdf](#)
[Letter to Respondent - No Response 10.29.24 - Tanck.pdf](#)
[Initial Complaint - Tanck.pdf](#)

Good morning Ms. Tanck,

On behalf of Bar Counsel Catherine B. Toledo, please find attached correspondence related to the above referenced matter. **Your response is due by December 2, 2024.**

Thank you,

Lisa Arnold
Legal Assistant
The Florida Bar, Lawyer Regulation
[P.O. Box 270729](#)
[Tampa, FL 33688](#)
(813) 875-9821 Ext. 4319
Email: larnold@floridabar.org
Website: <http://www.floridabar.org>



Please note: Florida has very broad public records laws. Many written communications to or from The Florida Bar regarding Bar business may be considered public records, which must be made available to anyone upon request. Your e-mail communications may therefore be subject to public disclosure.



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

November 21, 2024

Via e-mail to jennifer.tanck@tancklaw.com

Jennifer Anne Tanck
360 Central Ave, Ste 800
Saint Petersburg, FL 33701-3984

Re: Complaint of Elizabeth A. Stewart against Jennifer Anne Tanck
The Florida Bar File No. 2025-10,196(6E)

Dear Ms. Tanck:

Please be advised that this case was recently transferred to the Tampa Branch Office of The Florida Bar. Please send all correspondence in this matter, referencing the above case number to the attention of the undersigned, preferably by electronic mail at the following address:

Catherine Bonhomme Toledo
The Florida Bar
PO Box 270729
Tampa, FL 33688
ctoledo@floridabar.org

Enclosed you will find correspondence dated October 4, 2024 and October 29, 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 **December 2, 2024**, this matter will be forwarded to the grievance committee for further investigation.

Sincerely,

Catherine Bonhomme Toledo
Bar Counsel

Enclosures

cc: Elizabeth A. Stewart, Complainant



The Florida Bar

651 East Jefferson Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-2300

Joshua E. Doyle
Executive Director

850/561-5600
www.floridabar.org

October 4, 2024

Ms. Jennifer Anne Tanck
360 Central Ave Ste 800
Saint Petersburg, FL 33701-3984

Re: Jennifer Anne Tanck; The Florida Bar File No. 2025-10,196(6E)

Dear Ms. Tanck:

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 **October 21, 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,

Allie F. Huston, Bar Counsel
Attorney Consumer Assistance Program
ACAP Hotline 866-352-0707

Enclosures

cc: Ms. Elizabeth A. Stewart

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 **October 21, 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. 2025-10,196(6E).

Jennifer Anne Tanck

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. 2025-10,196(6E).

Jennifer Anne Tanck

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. 2025-10,196(6E).

Jennifer Anne Tanck

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.



The Florida Bar

651 East Jefferson Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-2300

Joshua E. Doyle
Executive Director

850/561-5600
www.floridabar.org

October 4, 2024

Ms. Elizabeth A. Stewart
Elizabeth A. Stewart PA
P.O. Box 312
Lake Wales, FL 33859

Re: Jennifer Anne Tanck; The Florida Bar File No. 2025-10,196(6E)

Dear Ms. Stewart:

Enclosed is a copy of our letter to Ms. Tanck which requires a response to your complaint.

Once you receive Ms. Tanck's response, you have 10 days to file a rebuttal if you so desire. **If you decide to file a rebuttal, you must send a copy to Ms. Tanck.** Rebuttals should not exceed 25 pages and may refer to any additional documents or exhibits that are available on request. Please address any and all correspondence to me. You may respond by US Mail or email to acapintake@floridabar.org.

Please be advised that as an arm of the Supreme Court of Florida, The Florida Bar can investigate allegations of misconduct against attorneys, and where appropriate, request that the attorney be disciplined. The Florida Bar cannot render legal advice nor can The Florida Bar represent individuals or intervene on their behalf in any civil or criminal matter.

Please review the enclosed Notice on mailing instructions for information on submitting your rebuttal.

Sincerely,

Allie F. Huston, Bar Counsel
Attorney Consumer Assistance Program
ACAP Hotline 866-352-0707

Enclosures

cc: Ms. Jennifer Anne Tanck

Ms. Jennifer Anne Tanck
360 Central Ave Ste 800
Saint Petersburg, FL 33701-3984



The Florida Bar

651 East Jefferson Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-2300

Joshua E. Doyle
Executive Director

850/561-5600
www.floridabar.org

October 4, 2024

Ms. Elizabeth A. Stewart
Elizabeth A. Stewart PA
P.O. Box 312
Lake Wales, FL 33859

Re: Jennifer Anne Tanck; The Florida Bar File No. 2025-10,196(6E)

Dear Ms. Stewart:

Enclosed is a copy of our letter to Ms. Tanck which requires a response to your complaint.

Once you receive Ms. Tanck's response, you have 10 days to file a rebuttal if you so desire. **If you decide to file a rebuttal, you must send a copy to Ms. Tanck.** Rebuttals should not exceed 25 pages and may refer to any additional documents or exhibits that are available on request. Please address any and all correspondence to me. You may respond by US Mail or email to acapintake@floridabar.org.

Please be advised that as an arm of the Supreme Court of Florida, The Florida Bar can investigate allegations of misconduct against attorneys, and where appropriate, request that the attorney be disciplined. The Florida Bar cannot render legal advice nor can The Florida Bar represent individuals or intervene on their behalf in any civil or criminal matter.

Please review the enclosed Notice on mailing instructions for information on submitting your rebuttal.

Sincerely,

Allie F. Huston, Bar Counsel
Attorney Consumer Assistance Program
ACAP Hotline 866-352-0707

Enclosures

cc: Ms. Jennifer Anne Tanck



The Florida Bar

651 East Jefferson Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-2300

Joshua E. Doyle
Executive Director

850/561-5600
www.floridabar.org

October 4, 2024

Ms. Jennifer Anne Tanck
360 Central Ave Ste 800
Saint Petersburg, FL 33701-3984

Re: Jennifer Anne Tanck; The Florida Bar File No. 2025-10,196(6E)

Dear Ms. Tanck:

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 **October 21, 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,

Allie F. Huston, Bar Counsel
Attorney Consumer Assistance Program
ACAP Hotline 866-352-0707

Enclosures

cc: Ms. Elizabeth A. Stewart

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 complaints 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(a), Rules of Discipline, any response by you in these proceedings shall become part of the public record of this matter and thereby become accessible to the public upon the closure of the case by Bar counsel or upon a finding of no probable cause, probable cause, minor misconduct, or recommendation of diversion. Disclosure during the pendency of an investigation may be made only as to status if a specific inquiry concerning this case is made and if this matter is generally known to be in the public domain."

4. The grievance committee is the Bar's "grand jury." Its function and procedure are set forth in Rule 3-7.4. Proceedings before the grievance committee, for the most part, are non-adversarial in nature. However, you should carefully review Chapter 3 of the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar.

5. If the grievance committee finds probable cause, formal adversarial proceedings, which ordinarily lead to disposition by the Supreme Court of Florida, will be commenced under 3-7.6, unless a plea is submitted under Rule 3-7.9.

Ms. Elizabeth A. Stewart
Elizabeth A. Stewart PA
P.O. Box 312
Lake Wales, FL 33859



The Florida Bar

651 East Jefferson Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-2300

Joshua E. Doyle
Executive Director

850/561-5600
www.floridabar.org

October 29, 2024

Ms. Jennifer Anne Tanck
360 Central Ave Ste 800
Saint Petersburg, FL 33701-3984

Re: Jennifer Anne Tanck; The Florida Bar File No. 2025-10,196(6E)

Dear Ms. Tanck:

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 8, 2024. Please note that failure to timely provide this information may be considered a violation of Rule 4-8.4(g).

Sincerely,

Allie F. Huston, Bar Counsel
Attorney Consumer Assistance Program
ACAP Hotline 866-352-0707

cc: Ms. Elizabeth A. Stewart

From: stewart@eastewartlaw.com
To: [ACAPIntake](#)
Cc: stewart@eastewartlaw.com
Subject: Complaint
Date: Tuesday, September 24, 2024 11:16:10 AM
Attachments: [Fl Bar Complaint.pdf](#)

Please see attached information.

Elizabeth A. Stewart, Esq.

Elizabeth A. Stewart, PA

P.O. Box 312

Lake Wales, FL 33859

(863)676-4525

(863)676-4582 fax

stewart@eastewartlaw.com

E-filing: efile@eastewartlaw.com

CONFIDENTIALITY NOTICE: This E-mail contains legally privileged and confidential information only intended for the recipient. If the reader of this message is not the intended recipient, you are hereby notified that any review, dissemination, distribution or copying of this communication is prohibited. If this communication was sent or received in error, please notify us by reply e-mail and delete the original message.

Please note: Florida has very broad public records laws. Many written communications to or from The Florida Bar regarding Bar business may be considered public records, which must be made available to anyone upon request. Your e-mail communications may therefore be subject to public disclosure.

The Florida Bar Inquiry/Complaint Form

STOP - PLEASE DOWNLOAD THIS FORM TO YOUR COMPUTER BEFORE FILLING IT OUT.

PART ONE (See Page 1, PART ONE – Complainant Information.):

Your Name: Elizabeth A. Stewart

Organization: Elizabeth A. Stewart PA

Address: P.O. Box 312

City, State, Zip Code: Lake Wales, FL 33859

Phone: 863 - 676-4535

Email: stewart@eastewartlaw.com

ACAP Reference No.: 25-151

Does this complaint pertain to a matter currently in litigation? Yes X No

PART TWO (See Page 1, PART TWO – Attorney Information.):

Attorney's Name: Jennifer Tanck Florida Bar No. 57609

Address: 360 Central Ave.

City, State, Zip Code: St. Petersburg, FL 33701-3984

Phone: 727.577.7779

PART THREE (See Page 1, PART THREE – Facts/Allegations.): The specific thing or things I am complaining about are: (attach additional sheet).

PART FOUR (See Page 1, PART FOUR – Witnesses.): The witnesses in support of my allegations are: (attach additional sheet).

PART FIVE (See Page 1, PART FIVE – Acknowledge Oath and Signature.):



YOU MUST PLACE YOUR MARK IN THE BOX ACKNOWLEDGING THE OATH AND YOU MUST SIGN YOUR FULL NAME BELOW.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that the foregoing facts are true, correct and complete.

Elizabeth A. Stewart Esq.

Print Name

Signature

9/24/24

Date

Supporting documentation

Submitted by: Elizabeth A. Stewart, Esq.

Re: Jennifer Tanck, Esq.

September 24, 2024

Part Three

I represent Ms. Sharon Henry, Former Wife.

On or about June 9, 2023, Ms. Tanck was sent intake documents regarding a QDRO in the matter of Henry v. Henry, 2000DR-3251, 10th Judicial Circuit, Polk County, FL.

Ms. Tanck accepted the case and was directed to prepare the documents to transfer the NFL pension of the Former Husband.

Check #4927 for \$700.00 was forwarded to Ms. Tanck on June 23, 2023, for her services to prepare the QDRO and related documentation.

Commencing October 22, 2023, numerous emails, personal correspondence, telephone calls and even a certified letters were sent to Ms. Tanck for follow-up. There was no response. Those dates include, but are not limited to, 10/22/23, 11/9/23, 11/28/23, 12/13/23, 1/29/24, 3/19/24, 3/21/24, 4/24/24, and 5/15/24.

I reached out to ACAP for assistance. I received an email from Ms. Tanck that was concerning regarding her practice. Regardless, as a result of ACAP's assistance, Ms. Tanck assured my office that the QDRO and appropriate documentation would be prepared. A copy of her email is attached as Exhibit A. On 7/17/24, I received an email from Ms. Tanck advising that copy of a proposed QDRO order would be circulated that week. After I did not receive the proposed order, I again contacted Ms. Tanck on 8/15/24 and 9/19/24 with no response.

Once again, my email, correspondence and telephone call have gone unanswered. Ms. Tanck has failed to provide the legal services as agreed.

stewart eastewartlaw.com

Subject: FW: A Humble Apology and Thank You

From: Jennifer Tanck <jennifer.tanck@tancklaw.com>

Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2024 7:10 AM

To: Jennifer Tanck <jennifer.tanck@tancklaw.com>

Subject: A Humble Apology and Thank You

Dear Attorneys, Staff & Friends,

I have rewritten this email several times in recent weeks, but it has stayed in my Drafts folder for one reason or another.

As some of you are already aware, 2024 has been a challenging year for me, in more ways than I could have imagined when I set off to conquer the year and make it the best one yet. I have experienced a number of personal challenges and health issues, including my own and those of close family, which has resulted in more missed work than I'd like to admit. For those of you who have known me for the years I've been in practice, you know this is something that has *never* been an issue in my professional life. Between caring for myself and others, I have been pulled away from my business and life in general, resulting in a several-month slide that has hampered my ability to execute on what has always been "easy" for me. If you've ever had a similar experience, you know that once this hole is dug, it is nearly impossible to get out of, particularly when you're being told to "rest" and "recover" rather than just push through at all costs which until now has always been my mantra. In times like this, the downside of being a solo practitioner has never been more evident to me.

You are receiving this email because I am humbly apologetic if I have failed you or client(s) this year in the midst of my personal issues. I am aware that this lapse in service may have caused you to lose faith in my skills and talent, and regretfully I may never gain that back. I am at a point now that I finally feel like I'm back to neutral and am trying my hardest to resurface with grace and ensure that any loose ends I've left along the way are fully tied up. **Over the next week, if I have not addressed a matter that is outstanding with you, please do not hesitate to bring it to my attention so that I can do so or, if warranted, issue the appropriate refund to your client if the work has not been completed to your satisfaction.** I will always strive to do what's right for both you and your clients, whatever that may be.

Throughout the years you have each had a role in some way in my success, and I will be eternally grateful and thankful for the patience, kindness and support you've given to me this year and every time you've entrusted me with your clients' needs and outcomes. **I hope that I will continue to have the opportunity to earn your business** time and again and sincerely appreciate the grace you've given me during this unprecedented season in my life.

With gratefulness,
Jennifer

Jennifer A. Tanck, Esq.

office 727.577.7779 | fax 727.362.1326

360 Central Avenue | Suite 800 | St. Petersburg, FL 33701

www.tancklaw.com

Securely Upload Documents [Here](#).

Supporting documentation

Submitted by: Elizabeth A. Stewart, Esq.

Re: Jennifer Tanck, Esq.

September 24, 2024

Part Four

Witnesses

Elizabeth A. Stewart, Esq. P.O. Box 312, Lake Wales, FL 33859 863-676-4525

Retaining Ms. Tanck; numerous attempts to reach Ms. Tanck, her failure to provide legal services

Amy Mincey, Paralegal P.O. Box 312, Lake Wales, FL 33859 863-676-4525

Retaining Ms. Tanck; numerous attempts to reach Ms. Tanck, her failure to provide legal services

Sharon Henry c/o Elizabeth A. Stewart, Esq.

Retaining Ms. Tanck

From: [Toledo, Catie](#)
To: [Jennifer Tanck](#)
Cc: [Arnold, Lisa](#)
Subject: RE: Florida Bar v. Jennifer Tanck - Florida Bar File 2025-10, 196(6E)
Date: Thursday, February 13, 2025 8:35:11 AM
Attachments: [Stewart vs Tanck.pdf](#)

Good morning Ms. Tanck:

We are in receipt of your email. Given this, I will ask the Grievance Committee to hold off on voting this month. However, please provide a response to the original complaint by Monday February 17th at 5:00 pm. In your response, please include any mitigation you wish the bar to consider. If we do not receive a timely response, Grievance Committee action may lead to suspension.

Please also confirm whether you have received the previous notices, and provide your most recent contact information including email, phone number, and mailing address to ensure we have proper service.

Thank you,

Catherine B. Toledo, Esq.

Senior Attorney

The Florida Bar, Lawyer Regulation

PO Box 270729

Tampa, FL 33688

P: 813-875-9821

Email: ctoledo@floridabar.org | Website: www.floridabar.org



Please note:

Florida has very broad public records laws. Many written communications to or from The Florida Bar regarding Bar business may be considered public records, which must be made available to anyone upon request. Your e-mail communications may therefore be subject to public disclosure.

From: Jennifer Tanck <jennifer.tanck@tancklaw.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2025 4:22 PM
To: Toledo, Catie <ctoledo@floridabar.org>
Cc: Arnold, Lisa <LArnold@floridabar.org>
Subject: Florida Bar v. Jennifer Tanck - Florida Bar File 2025-10, 196(6E)

Dear Ms. Toledo,

I have started drafting this email several times this afternoon and keep starting over, primarily because I am completely at a loss as to what to even say. I am now aware that there is currently a bar complaint pending against me, and I cannot even begin to describe the embarrassment that I am experiencing over not responding in a timely manner. I will IMMEDIATELY file a response to this complaint as I am aware this is a significantly serious issue and any non-response on my part is not acceptable. I regrettably have not been responsive to Ms. Stewart and now to the Bar, and owe everyone an explanation for my lack of attention to this matter. Please know I am incredibly sorry for my failure to respond up to this point and will ensure that the Bar receives a fulsome response immediately.

Thank you,
Jennifer Tanck
Direct Cell Phone (813) 453-4659

Jennifer A. Tanck, Esq.

office 727.577.7779 | fax 727.362.1326

360 Central Avenue | Suite 800 | St. Petersburg, FL 33701

www.tancklaw.com

Securely Upload Documents [Here](#).

Please note: Florida has very broad public records laws. Many written communications to or from The Florida Bar regarding Bar business may be considered public records, which must be made available to anyone upon request. Your e-mail communications may therefore be subject to public disclosure.

From: stewart.eastewartlaw.com
To: [ACAPIntake](#)
Cc: stewart.eastewartlaw.com
Subject: Complaint
Date: Tuesday, September 24, 2024 11:16:10 AM
Attachments: [FL Bar Complaint.pdf](#)

Please see attached information.

Elizabeth A. Stewart, Esq.

Elizabeth A. Stewart, PA

P.O. Box 312

Lake Wales, FL 33859

(863)676-4525

(863)676-4582 fax

stewart@eastewartlaw.com

E-filing: efile@eastewartlaw.com

CONFIDENTIALITY NOTICE: This E-mail contains legally privileged and confidential information only intended for the recipient. If the reader of this message is not the intended recipient, you are hereby notified that any review, dissemination, distribution or copying of this communication is prohibited. If this communication was sent or received in error, please notify us by reply e-mail and delete the original message.

Please note: Florida has very broad public records laws. Many written communications to or from The Florida Bar regarding Bar business may be considered public records, which must be made available to anyone upon request. Your e-mail communications may therefore be subject to public disclosure.

**The Florida Bar
Inquiry/Complaint Form**

STOP - PLEASE DOWNLOAD THIS FORM TO YOUR COMPUTER BEFORE FILLING IT OUT.

PART ONE (See Page 1, PART ONE – Complainant Information.):

Your Name: Elizabeth A. Stewart

Organization: Elizabeth A. Stewart PA

Address: P.O. Box 312

City, State, Zip Code: Lake Wales, FL 33859

Phone: 863 - 676-4535

Email: stewart@eastewartlaw.com

ACAP Reference No.: 25-151

Does this complaint pertain to a matter currently in litigation? Yes X No

PART TWO (See Page 1, PART TWO – Attorney Information.):

Attorney's Name: Jennifer Tanck Florida Bar No. 57609

Address: 360 Central Ave.

City, State, Zip Code: St. Petersburg, FL 33701-3984

Phone: 727.577.7779

PART THREE (See Page 1, PART THREE – Facts/Allegations.): The specific thing or things I am complaining about are: (attach additional sheet).

PART FOUR (See Page 1, PART FOUR – Witnesses.): The witnesses in support of my allegations are: (attach additional sheet).

PART FIVE (See Page 1, PART FIVE – Acknowledge Oath and Signature.):



YOU MUST PLACE YOUR MARK IN THE BOX ACKNOWLEDGING THE OATH AND
YOU MUST SIGN YOUR FULL NAME BELOW.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that the foregoing facts are true, correct and complete.

Elizabeth A. Stewart Esq.

Print Name

Signature

9/24/24

Date

Supporting documentation

Submitted by: Elizabeth A. Stewart, Esq.

Re: Jennifer Tanck, Esq.

September 24, 2024

Part Three

I represent Ms. Sharon Henry, Former Wife.

On or about June 9, 2023, Ms. Tanck was sent intake documents regarding a QDRO in the matter of Henry v. Henry, 2000DR-3251, 10th Judicial Circuit, Polk County, FL.

Ms. Tanck accepted the case and was directed to prepare the documents to transfer the NFL pension of the Former Husband.

Check #4927 for \$700.00 was forwarded to Ms. Tanck on June 23, 2023, for her services to prepare the QDRO and related documentation.

Commencing October 22, 2023, numerous emails, personal correspondence, telephone calls and even a certified letters were sent to Ms. Tanck for follow-up. There was no response. Those dates include, but are not limited to, 10/22/23, 11/9/23, 11/28/23, 12/13/23, 1/29/24, 3/19/24, 3/21/24, 4/24/24, and 5/15/24.

I reached out to ACAP for assistance. I received an email from Ms. Tanck that was concerning regarding her practice. Regardless, as a result of ACAP's assistance, Ms. Tanck assured my office that the QDRO and appropriate documentation would be prepared. A copy of her email is attached as Exhibit A. On 7/17/24, I received an email from Ms. Tanck advising that copy of a proposed QDRO order would be circulated that week. After I did not receive the proposed order, I again contacted Ms. Tanck on 8/15/24 and 9/19/24 with no response.

Once again, my email, correspondence and telephone call have gone unanswered. Ms. Tanck has failed to provide the legal services as agreed.

stewart eastewartlaw.com

Subject: FW: A Humble Apology and Thank You

From: Jennifer Tanck <jennifer.tanck@tancklaw.com>

Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2024 7:10 AM

To: Jennifer Tanck <jennifer.tanck@tancklaw.com>

Subject: A Humble Apology and Thank You

Dear Attorneys, Staff & Friends,

I have rewritten this email several times in recent weeks, but it has stayed in my Drafts folder for one reason or another.

As some of you are already aware, 2024 has been a challenging year for me, in more ways than I could have imagined when I set off to conquer the year and make it the best one yet. I have experienced a number of personal challenges and health issues, including my own and those of close family, which has resulted in more missed work than I'd like to admit. For those of you who have known me for the years I've been in practice, you know this is something that has *never* been an issue in my professional life. Between caring for myself and others, I have been pulled away from my business and life in general, resulting in a several-month slide that has hampered my ability to execute on what has always been "easy" for me. If you've ever had a similar experience, you know that once this hole is dug, it is nearly impossible to get out of, particularly when you're being told to "rest" and "recover" rather than just push through at all costs which until now has always been my mantra. In times like this, the downside of being a solo practitioner has never been more evident to me.

You are receiving this email because I am humbly apologetic if I have failed you or client(s) this year in the midst of my personal issues. I am aware that this lapse in service may have caused you to lose faith in my skills and talent, and regretfully I may never gain that back. I am at a point now that I finally feel like I'm back to neutral and am trying my hardest to resurface with grace and ensure that any loose ends I've left along the way are fully tied up. **Over the next week, if I have not addressed a matter that is outstanding with you, please do not hesitate to bring it to my attention so that I can do so or, if warranted, issue the appropriate refund to your client if the work has not been completed to your satisfaction.** I will always strive to do what's right for both you and your clients, whatever that may be.

Throughout the years you have each had a role in some way in my success, and I will be eternally grateful and thankful for the patience, kindness and support you've given to me this year and every time you've entrusted me with your clients' needs and outcomes. **I hope that I will continue to have the opportunity to earn your business** time and again and sincerely appreciate the grace you've given me during this unprecedented season in my life.

With gratefulness,
Jennifer

Jennifer A. Tanck, Esq.

office 727.577.7779 | fax 727.362.1326

360 Central Avenue | Suite 800 | St. Petersburg, FL 33701

www.tancklaw.com

Securely Upload Documents [Here](#).

Supporting documentation

Submitted by: Elizabeth A. Stewart, Esq.

Re: Jennifer Tanck, Esq.

September 24, 2024

Part Four

Witnesses

Elizabeth A. Stewart, Esq. P.O. Box 312, Lake Wales, FL 33859 863-676-4525

Retaining Ms. Tanck; numerous attempts to reach Ms. Tanck, her failure to provide legal services

Amy Mincey, Paralegal P.O. Box 312, Lake Wales, FL 33859 863-676-4525

Retaining Ms. Tanck; numerous attempts to reach Ms. Tanck, her failure to provide legal services

Sharon Henry c/o Elizabeth A. Stewart, Esq.

Retaining Ms. Tanck

From: [Arnold, Lisa](#)
To: jennifer.tanck@tancklaw.com
Cc: stewart@eastewartlaw.com; [Michael Patrick Fuino](#); [Sandra Fascell Diamond](#); [Savitz, Patti A.](#); [Toledo, Catie](#)
Subject: Elizabeth A. Stewart v. Jennifer Anne Tanck; TFB File No. 2025-10,196(6E)
Date: Thursday, February 27, 2025 10:31:00 AM
Attachments: [Letter to Respondent - Notice of Hearing Non-Compliance - Tanck.pdf](#)
[GC Request For Issuance of Non Compliance and Contempt \(2\) - Tanck.pdf](#)
[Exhibits A-E - Request for Issuance of Non Compliance and Contempt - Tanck.pdf](#)

Good morning Ms. Tanck,

On behalf of Bar Counsel Catherine B. Toledo, please find attached correspondence and Grievance Committee Request for Issuance of Notice of Non-Compliance and Finding of Contempt related to the above referenced matter.

Thank you,

Lisa Arnold
Legal Assistant
The Florida Bar, Lawyer Regulation
[P.O. Box 270729](#)
[Tampa, FL 33688](#)
(813) 875-9821 Ext. 4319
Email: larnold@floridabar.org
Website: <http://www.floridabar.org>



Please note: Florida has very broad public records laws. Many written communications to or from The Florida Bar regarding Bar business may be considered public records, which must be made available to anyone upon request. Your e-mail communications may therefore be subject to public disclosure.



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

February 27, 2025

Via Regular and Certified Mail No. 7019 0700 0002 2245 5459, and
Via e-mail to jennifer.tanck@tancklaw.com

Jennifer Anne Tanck
360 Central Ave Ste 800
Saint Petersburg, FL 33701-3984

Re: Jennifer Anne Tanck; The Florida Bar File No. 2025-10,196(6E);

Dear Ms. Tanck:

This letter is to advise you that the Circuit Judicial Grievance Committee 6E will consider the above-referenced case on March 13, 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: Elizabeth A. Stewart, Complainant
Michael Patrick Fuino, Chair
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.
2025-10,196(6E)

v.

JENNIFER ANNE TANCK,

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 March 13, 2025, the Sixth Judicial Circuit Grievance Committee "E", 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 4, 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 requesting a response by October 21, 2024. A copy of the letter is attached hereto as "Exhibit A".

2. Respondent failed to respond to The Florida Bar by October 21, 2024.

3. On October 29, 2024, respondent was sent another letter by regular U.S. Mail to respondent's record bar address, advising of a complaint in this case and requesting a response by November 8, 2024. A copy of the letter is attached hereto as "Exhibit B".

4. Respondent failed to respond to The Florida Bar by November 8, 2024.

5. On November 21, 2024, respondent was sent another letter by email to respondent's record bar email address, advising of a complaint in this case and requesting a response by December 2, 2024. A copy of the letter is attached hereto as "Exhibit C".

6. Respondent failed to respond to The Florida Bar as requested by December 2, 2024.

7. On January 22, 2025, respondent was sent a Notice of Hearing on Non-Compliance and Grievance Committee Request for Issuance of Non-Compliance and Contempt with exhibits, by regular U.S. mail; Certified Mail; and electronic mail to respondent's record bar address and email address, advising of a hearing scheduled for February 13, 2025. A copy of the notice is attached hereto as "Composite Exhibit D".

8. On February 12, 2025, respondent emailed bar counsel stating she would immediately file a response to the complaint.

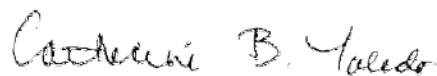
9. On February 13, 2025, bar counsel granted respondent an

extension to respond by February 17, 2025. A copy of the emails are attached hereto as "Exhibit E".

10. Respondent failed to respond to The Florida Bar as requested by February 17, 2025.

11. 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 Bonhomme Toledo, Bar
Counsel

The Florida Bar
Tampa Branch Office

PO Box 270729

Tampa, FL 33688

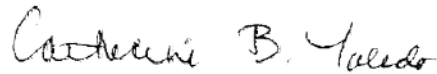
(813) 875-9821

Florida Bar No.94000

ctoledo@floridabar.org

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify this document has been furnished to the respondent, Jennifer Anne Tanck by regular U.S. Mail and Certified Mail No. 7019 0700 0002 2245 5459, Return Receipt Requested to her record bar address of 360 Central Ave Ste 800, Saint Petersburg, FL 33701-3984, and via e-mail to jennifer.tanck@tancklaw.com; with copies via email to Michael Patrick Fuino, Chair at michael.fuino@myclearwater.com; Sandra Fascell Diamond, Designated Reviewer, at sandra@diamonddlawflorida.com and to Patricia Ann Toro Savitz, Staff Counsel, via email at psavitz@floridabar.org, dated this 27th day of February, 2025.



Catherine Bonhomme Toledo, Bar
Counsel



Exhibit A

The Florida Bar

651 East Jefferson Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-2300

Joshua E. Doyle
Executive Director

850/561-5600
www.floridabar.org

October 4, 2024

Ms. Jennifer Anne Tanck
360 Central Ave Ste 800
Saint Petersburg, FL 33701-3984

Re: Jennifer Anne Tanck; The Florida Bar File No. 2025-10,196(6E)

Dear Ms. Tanck:

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 **October 21, 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,

Allie F. Huston, Bar Counsel
Attorney Consumer Assistance Program
ACAP Hotline 866-352-0707

Enclosures

cc: Ms. Elizabeth A. Stewart

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 **October 21, 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. 2025-10,196(6E).

Jennifer Anne Tanck

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. 2025-10,196(6E).

Jennifer Anne Tanck

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. 2025-10,196(6E).

Jennifer Anne Tanck

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.



The Florida Bar

651 East Jefferson Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-2300

Joshua E. Doyle
Executive Director

850/561-5600
www.floridabar.org

October 4, 2024

Ms. Elizabeth A. Stewart
Elizabeth A. Stewart PA
P.O. Box 312
Lake Wales, FL 33859

Re: Jennifer Anne Tanck; The Florida Bar File No. 2025-10,196(6E)

Dear Ms. Stewart:

Enclosed is a copy of our letter to Ms. Tanck which requires a response to your complaint.

Once you receive Ms. Tanck's response, you have 10 days to file a rebuttal if you so desire. **If you decide to file a rebuttal, you must send a copy to Ms. Tanck.** Rebuttals should not exceed 25 pages and may refer to any additional documents or exhibits that are available on request. Please address any and all correspondence to me. You may respond by US Mail or email to acapintake@floridabar.org.

Please be advised that as an arm of the Supreme Court of Florida, The Florida Bar can investigate allegations of misconduct against attorneys, and where appropriate, request that the attorney be disciplined. The Florida Bar cannot render legal advice nor can The Florida Bar represent individuals or intervene on their behalf in any civil or criminal matter.

Please review the enclosed Notice on mailing instructions for information on submitting your rebuttal.

Sincerely,

Allie F. Huston, Bar Counsel
Attorney Consumer Assistance Program
ACAP Hotline 866-352-0707

Enclosures

cc: Ms. Jennifer Anne Tanck



Exhibit B

The Florida Bar

651 East Jefferson Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-2300

Joshua E. Doyle
Executive Director

850/561-5600
www.floridabar.org

October 29, 2024

Ms. Jennifer Anne Tanck
360 Central Ave Ste 800
Saint Petersburg, FL 33701-3984

Re: Jennifer Anne Tanck; The Florida Bar File No. 2025-10,196(6E)

Dear Ms. Tanck:

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 8, 2024. Please note that failure to timely provide this information may be considered a violation of Rule 4-8.4(g).

Sincerely,

Allie F. Huston, Bar Counsel
Attorney Consumer Assistance Program
ACAP Hotline 866-352-0707

cc: Ms. Elizabeth A. Stewart



Exhibit C

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

November 21, 2024

Via e-mail to jennifer.tanck@tancklaw.com

Jennifer Anne Tanck
360 Central Ave, Ste 800
Saint Petersburg, FL 33701-3984

Re: Complaint of Elizabeth A. Stewart against Jennifer Anne Tanck
The Florida Bar File No. 2025-10,196(6E)

Dear Ms. Tanck:

Please be advised that this case was recently transferred to the Tampa Branch Office of The Florida Bar. Please send all correspondence in this matter, referencing the above case number to the attention of the undersigned, preferably by electronic mail at the following address:

Catherine Bonhomme Toledo
The Florida Bar
PO Box 270729
Tampa, FL 33688
ctoledo@floridabar.org

Enclosed you will find correspondence dated October 4, 2024 and October 29, 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 **December 2, 2024**, this matter will be forwarded to the grievance committee for further investigation.

Sincerely,

Catherine Bonhomme Toledo
Bar Counsel

Enclosures

cc: Elizabeth A. Stewart, Complainant

Composite **Exhibit D**

From: [Arnold, Lisa](#)
To: jennifer.tanck@tancklaw.com
Cc: stewart@eastewartlaw.com; [Michael Patrick Fuino](#); [Sandra Fascell Diamond](#); [Savitz, Patti A.](#); [Toledo, Catie](#)
Subject: Elizabeth A. Stewart v. Jennifer Anne Tanck; TFB File No. 2025-10,196(6E)
Date: Wednesday, January 22, 2025 9:25:00 AM
Attachments: [Letter to Respondent - Notice of Hearing Non Compliance - Tanck.pdf](#)
[GC Request For Issuance of Non Compliance and Contempt - T.anck.pdf](#)
[Exhibits to GC Request for Issuance of Non Compliance and Contempt - Tanck.pdf](#)

Good morning Ms. Tanck,

On behalf of Bar Counsel Catherine B. Toledo, please find attached correspondence and Request for Issuance of Non-Compliance and Finding of Contempt with Exhibits, related to the above referenced matter.

Thank you,

Lisa Arnold
Legal Assistant
The Florida Bar, Lawyer Regulation
[P.O. Box 270729](#)
[Tampa, FL 33688](#)
(813) 875-9821 Ext. 4319
Email: larnold@floridabar.org
Website: <http://www.floridabar.org>



Please note: Florida has very broad public records laws. Many written communications to or from The Florida Bar regarding Bar business may be considered public records, which must be made available to anyone upon request. Your e-mail communications may therefore be subject to public disclosure.



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

January 22, 2025

Via Regular and Certified Mail No. 7019 0700 0002 2245 5435, and
Via e-mail to jennifer.tanck@tancklaw.com

Jennifer Anne Tanck
360 Central Ave, Ste 800
Saint Petersburg, FL 33701-3984

Re: Jennifer Anne Tanck; The Florida Bar File No. 2025-10,196(6E)

Dear Ms. Tanck:

This letter is to advise you that the Circuit Judicial Grievance Committee 6E will consider the above-referenced case on February 13, 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

Enclosure: Grievance Committee Roster

THE FLORIDA BAR

cc: Elizabeth A. Stewart, Complainant
Michael Patrick Fuino, Chair
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

Effective April 1, 2024

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

THE FLORIDA BAR,

Complainant,

The Florida Bar File No.
2025-10,196(6E)

v.

JENNIFER ANNE TANCK,

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 13, 2025, the Sixth Judicial Circuit Grievance Committee "E", 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 4, 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 requesting a response by October 21, 2024. A copy of the letter is attached hereto as "Exhibit A".

2. Respondent failed to respond to The Florida Bar as requested by the letter on October 4, 2024.

3. On October 29, 2024, respondent was sent another letter by regular U.S. Mail to respondent's record bar address, advising of a complaint in this case and requesting a response by November 8, 2024. A copy of the letter is attached hereto as "Exhibit B".

4. Respondent failed to respond to The Florida Bar as requested by the letter on October 29, 2024.

5. On November 21, 2024, respondent was sent another letter by email to respondent's record bar email address, advising of a complaint in this case and requesting a response by December 2, 2024. A copy of the letter is attached hereto as "Exhibit C".

6. Respondent failed to respond to The Florida Bar as requested by the letter on November 21, 2024.

7. 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
PO Box 270729
Tampa, FL 33688
(813) 875-9821
Florida Bar No.94000
ctoledo@floridabar.org

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify this document has been furnished to the respondent, Jennifer Anne Tanck by regular U.S. Mail and Certified Mail No. 7019 0700 0002 2245 5435, Return Receipt Requested, to her record bar address of 360 Central Ave Ste 800, Saint Petersburg, FL 33701-3984; and via e-mail to jennifer.tanck@tancklaw.com; with copies via email to Michael Patrick Fuino, Chair at michael.fuino@myclearwater.com; Sandra Fascell Diamond, Designated Reviewer at sandra@diamonddlawflorida.com and to Patricia Ann Toro Savitz, Staff Counsel, The Florida Bar, via email at psavitz@floridabar.org, dated this 22nd day of January, 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

October 4, 2024

Ms. Jennifer Anne Tanck
360 Central Ave Ste 800
Saint Petersburg, FL 33701-3984

Re: Jennifer Anne Tanck; The Florida Bar File No. 2025-10,196(6E)

Dear Ms. Tanck:

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 **October 21, 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,

Allie F. Huston, Bar Counsel
Attorney Consumer Assistance Program
ACAP Hotline 866-352-0707

Enclosures

cc: Ms. Elizabeth A. Stewart

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 **October 21, 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. 2025-10,196(6E).

Jennifer Anne Tanck

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. 2025-10,196(6E).

Jennifer Anne Tanck

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. 2025-10,196(6E).

Jennifer Anne Tanck

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.



The Florida Bar

651 East Jefferson Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-2300

Joshua E. Doyle
Executive Director

850/561-5600
www.floridabar.org

October 4, 2024

Ms. Elizabeth A. Stewart
Elizabeth A. Stewart PA
P.O. Box 312
Lake Wales, FL 33859

Re: Jennifer Anne Tanck; The Florida Bar File No. 2025-10,196(6E)

Dear Ms. Stewart:

Enclosed is a copy of our letter to Ms. Tanck which requires a response to your complaint.

Once you receive Ms. Tanck's response, you have 10 days to file a rebuttal if you so desire. **If you decide to file a rebuttal, you must send a copy to Ms. Tanck.** Rebuttals should not exceed 25 pages and may refer to any additional documents or exhibits that are available on request. Please address any and all correspondence to me. You may respond by US Mail or email to acapintake@floridabar.org.

Please be advised that as an arm of the Supreme Court of Florida, The Florida Bar can investigate allegations of misconduct against attorneys, and where appropriate, request that the attorney be disciplined. The Florida Bar cannot render legal advice nor can The Florida Bar represent individuals or intervene on their behalf in any civil or criminal matter.

Please review the enclosed Notice on mailing instructions for information on submitting your rebuttal.

Sincerely,

Allie F. Huston, Bar Counsel
Attorney Consumer Assistance Program
ACAP Hotline 866-352-0707

Enclosures

cc: Ms. Jennifer Anne Tanck

Ms. Jennifer Anne Tanck
360 Central Ave Ste 800
Saint Petersburg, FL 33701-3984



The Florida Bar

651 East Jefferson Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-2300

Joshua E. Doyle
Executive Director

850/561-5600
www.floridabar.org

October 4, 2024

Ms. Elizabeth A. Stewart
Elizabeth A. Stewart PA
P.O. Box 312
Lake Wales, FL 33859

Re: Jennifer Anne Tanck; The Florida Bar File No. 2025-10,196(6E)

Dear Ms. Stewart:

Enclosed is a copy of our letter to Ms. Tanck which requires a response to your complaint.

Once you receive Ms. Tanck's response, you have 10 days to file a rebuttal if you so desire. **If you decide to file a rebuttal, you must send a copy to Ms. Tanck.** Rebuttals should not exceed 25 pages and may refer to any additional documents or exhibits that are available on request. Please address any and all correspondence to me. You may respond by US Mail or email to acapintake@floridabar.org.

Please be advised that as an arm of the Supreme Court of Florida, The Florida Bar can investigate allegations of misconduct against attorneys, and where appropriate, request that the attorney be disciplined. The Florida Bar cannot render legal advice nor can The Florida Bar represent individuals or intervene on their behalf in any civil or criminal matter.

Please review the enclosed Notice on mailing instructions for information on submitting your rebuttal.

Sincerely,

Allie F. Huston, Bar Counsel
Attorney Consumer Assistance Program
ACAP Hotline 866-352-0707

Enclosures

cc: Ms. Jennifer Anne Tanck



The Florida Bar

651 East Jefferson Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-2300

Joshua E. Doyle
Executive Director

850/561-5600
www.floridabar.org

October 4, 2024

Ms. Jennifer Anne Tanck
360 Central Ave Ste 800
Saint Petersburg, FL 33701-3984

Re: Jennifer Anne Tanck; The Florida Bar File No. 2025-10,196(6E)

Dear Ms. Tanck:

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 **October 21, 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,

Allie F. Huston, Bar Counsel
Attorney Consumer Assistance Program
ACAP Hotline 866-352-0707

Enclosures

cc: Ms. Elizabeth A. Stewart

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 complaints 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(a), Rules of Discipline, any response by you in these proceedings shall become part of the public record of this matter and thereby become accessible to the public upon the closure of the case by Bar counsel or upon a finding of no probable cause, probable cause, minor misconduct, or recommendation of diversion. Disclosure during the pendency of an investigation may be made only as to status if a specific inquiry concerning this case is made and if this matter is generally known to be in the public domain."

4. The grievance committee is the Bar's "grand jury." Its function and procedure are set forth in Rule 3-7.4. Proceedings before the grievance committee, for the most part, are non-adversarial in nature. However, you should carefully review Chapter 3 of the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar.

5. If the grievance committee finds probable cause, formal adversarial proceedings, which ordinarily lead to disposition by the Supreme Court of Florida, will be commenced under 3-7.6, unless a plea is submitted under Rule 3-7.9.

Ms. Elizabeth A. Stewart
Elizabeth A. Stewart PA
P.O. Box 312
Lake Wales, FL 33859



The Florida Bar

651 East Jefferson Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-2300

Joshua E. Doyle
Executive Director

850/561-5600
www.floridabar.org

October 29, 2024

Ms. Jennifer Anne Tanck
360 Central Ave Ste 800
Saint Petersburg, FL 33701-3984

Re: Jennifer Anne Tanck; The Florida Bar File No. 2025-10,196(6E)

Dear Ms. Tanck:

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 8, 2024. Please note that failure to timely provide this information may be considered a violation of Rule 4-8.4(g).

Sincerely,

Allie F. Huston, Bar Counsel
Attorney Consumer Assistance Program
ACAP Hotline 866-352-0707

cc: Ms. Elizabeth A. Stewart

From: [Arnold, Lisa](#)
To: ["jennifer.tanck@tancklaw.com"](mailto:jennifer.tanck@tancklaw.com)
Cc: ["stewart@eastewartlaw.com"](mailto:stewart@eastewartlaw.com); [Toledo, Catie](#)
Subject: Elizabeth A. Stewart v. Jennifer Anne Tanck; TFB File No. 2025-10,196(6E)
Date: Thursday, November 21, 2024 10:42:00 AM
Attachments: [10 Day Letter to Respondent - No Response to Complaint Received - Tanck.pdf](#)
[15 Day Letter to Respondent 10.4.24 - Tanck.pdf](#)
[Letter to Respondent - No Response 10.29.24 - Tanck.pdf](#)
[Initial Complaint - Tanck.pdf](#)

Good morning Ms. Tanck,

On behalf of Bar Counsel Catherine B. Toledo, please find attached correspondence related to the above referenced matter. **Your response is due by December 2, 2024.**

Thank you,

Lisa Arnold
Legal Assistant
The Florida Bar, Lawyer Regulation
[P.O. Box 270729](#)
[Tampa, FL 33688](#)
(813) 875-9821 Ext. 4319
Email: larnold@floridabar.org
Website: <http://www.floridabar.org>



Please note: Florida has very broad public records laws. Many written communications to or from The Florida Bar regarding Bar business may be considered public records, which must be made available to anyone upon request. Your e-mail communications may therefore be subject to public disclosure.



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

November 21, 2024

Via e-mail to jennifer.tanck@tancklaw.com

Jennifer Anne Tanck
360 Central Ave, Ste 800
Saint Petersburg, FL 33701-3984

Re: Complaint of Elizabeth A. Stewart against Jennifer Anne Tanck
The Florida Bar File No. 2025-10,196(6E)

Dear Ms. Tanck:

Please be advised that this case was recently transferred to the Tampa Branch Office of The Florida Bar. Please send all correspondence in this matter, referencing the above case number to the attention of the undersigned, preferably by electronic mail at the following address:

Catherine Bonhomme Toledo
The Florida Bar
PO Box 270729
Tampa, FL 33688
ctoledo@floridabar.org

Enclosed you will find correspondence dated October 4, 2024 and October 29, 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 **December 2, 2024**, this matter will be forwarded to the grievance committee for further investigation.

Sincerely,

Catherine Bonhomme Toledo
Bar Counsel

Enclosures

cc: Elizabeth A. Stewart, Complainant



The Florida Bar

651 East Jefferson Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-2300

Joshua E. Doyle
Executive Director

850/561-5600
www.floridabar.org

October 4, 2024

Ms. Jennifer Anne Tanck
360 Central Ave Ste 800
Saint Petersburg, FL 33701-3984

Re: Jennifer Anne Tanck; The Florida Bar File No. 2025-10,196(6E)

Dear Ms. Tanck:

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 **October 21, 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,

Allie F. Huston, Bar Counsel
Attorney Consumer Assistance Program
ACAP Hotline 866-352-0707

Enclosures

cc: Ms. Elizabeth A. Stewart

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 **October 21, 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. 2025-10,196(6E).

Jennifer Anne Tanck

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. 2025-10,196(6E).

Jennifer Anne Tanck

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. 2025-10,196(6E).

Jennifer Anne Tanck

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.



The Florida Bar

651 East Jefferson Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-2300

Joshua E. Doyle
Executive Director

850/561-5600
www.floridabar.org

October 4, 2024

Ms. Elizabeth A. Stewart
Elizabeth A. Stewart PA
P.O. Box 312
Lake Wales, FL 33859

Re: Jennifer Anne Tanck; The Florida Bar File No. 2025-10,196(6E)

Dear Ms. Stewart:

Enclosed is a copy of our letter to Ms. Tanck which requires a response to your complaint.

Once you receive Ms. Tanck's response, you have 10 days to file a rebuttal if you so desire. **If you decide to file a rebuttal, you must send a copy to Ms. Tanck.** Rebuttals should not exceed 25 pages and may refer to any additional documents or exhibits that are available on request. Please address any and all correspondence to me. You may respond by US Mail or email to acapintake@floridabar.org.

Please be advised that as an arm of the Supreme Court of Florida, The Florida Bar can investigate allegations of misconduct against attorneys, and where appropriate, request that the attorney be disciplined. The Florida Bar cannot render legal advice nor can The Florida Bar represent individuals or intervene on their behalf in any civil or criminal matter.

Please review the enclosed Notice on mailing instructions for information on submitting your rebuttal.

Sincerely,

Allie F. Huston, Bar Counsel
Attorney Consumer Assistance Program
ACAP Hotline 866-352-0707

Enclosures

cc: Ms. Jennifer Anne Tanck

Ms. Jennifer Anne Tanck
360 Central Ave Ste 800
Saint Petersburg, FL 33701-3984



The Florida Bar

651 East Jefferson Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-2300

Joshua E. Doyle
Executive Director

850/561-5600
www.floridabar.org

October 4, 2024

Ms. Elizabeth A. Stewart
Elizabeth A. Stewart PA
P.O. Box 312
Lake Wales, FL 33859

Re: Jennifer Anne Tanck; The Florida Bar File No. 2025-10,196(6E)

Dear Ms. Stewart:

Enclosed is a copy of our letter to Ms. Tanck which requires a response to your complaint.

Once you receive Ms. Tanck's response, you have 10 days to file a rebuttal if you so desire. **If you decide to file a rebuttal, you must send a copy to Ms. Tanck.** Rebuttals should not exceed 25 pages and may refer to any additional documents or exhibits that are available on request. Please address any and all correspondence to me. You may respond by US Mail or email to acapintake@floridabar.org.

Please be advised that as an arm of the Supreme Court of Florida, The Florida Bar can investigate allegations of misconduct against attorneys, and where appropriate, request that the attorney be disciplined. The Florida Bar cannot render legal advice nor can The Florida Bar represent individuals or intervene on their behalf in any civil or criminal matter.

Please review the enclosed Notice on mailing instructions for information on submitting your rebuttal.

Sincerely,

Allie F. Huston, Bar Counsel
Attorney Consumer Assistance Program
ACAP Hotline 866-352-0707

Enclosures

cc: Ms. Jennifer Anne Tanck



The Florida Bar

651 East Jefferson Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-2300

Joshua E. Doyle
Executive Director

850/561-5600
www.floridabar.org

October 4, 2024

Ms. Jennifer Anne Tanck
360 Central Ave Ste 800
Saint Petersburg, FL 33701-3984

Re: Jennifer Anne Tanck; The Florida Bar File No. 2025-10,196(6E)

Dear Ms. Tanck:

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 **October 21, 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,

Allie F. Huston, Bar Counsel
Attorney Consumer Assistance Program
ACAP Hotline 866-352-0707

Enclosures

cc: Ms. Elizabeth A. Stewart

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 complaints 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(a), Rules of Discipline, any response by you in these proceedings shall become part of the public record of this matter and thereby become accessible to the public upon the closure of the case by Bar counsel or upon a finding of no probable cause, probable cause, minor misconduct, or recommendation of diversion. Disclosure during the pendency of an investigation may be made only as to status if a specific inquiry concerning this case is made and if this matter is generally known to be in the public domain."

4. The grievance committee is the Bar's "grand jury." Its function and procedure are set forth in Rule 3-7.4. Proceedings before the grievance committee, for the most part, are non-adversarial in nature. However, you should carefully review Chapter 3 of the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar.

5. If the grievance committee finds probable cause, formal adversarial proceedings, which ordinarily lead to disposition by the Supreme Court of Florida, will be commenced under 3-7.6, unless a plea is submitted under Rule 3-7.9.

Ms. Elizabeth A. Stewart
Elizabeth A. Stewart PA
P.O. Box 312
Lake Wales, FL 33859



The Florida Bar

651 East Jefferson Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-2300

Joshua E. Doyle
Executive Director

850/561-5600
www.floridabar.org

October 29, 2024

Ms. Jennifer Anne Tanck
360 Central Ave Ste 800
Saint Petersburg, FL 33701-3984

Re: Jennifer Anne Tanck; The Florida Bar File No. 2025-10,196(6E)

Dear Ms. Tanck:

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 8, 2024. Please note that failure to timely provide this information may be considered a violation of Rule 4-8.4(g).

Sincerely,

Allie F. Huston, Bar Counsel
Attorney Consumer Assistance Program
ACAP Hotline 866-352-0707

cc: Ms. Elizabeth A. Stewart

From: stewart@eastewartlaw.com
To: [ACAPIntake](#)
Cc: stewart@eastewartlaw.com
Subject: Complaint
Date: Tuesday, September 24, 2024 11:16:10 AM
Attachments: [Fl Bar Complaint.pdf](#)

Please see attached information.

Elizabeth A. Stewart, Esq.

Elizabeth A. Stewart, PA

P.O. Box 312

Lake Wales, FL 33859

(863)676-4525

(863)676-4582 fax

stewart@eastewartlaw.com

E-filing: efile@eastewartlaw.com

CONFIDENTIALITY NOTICE: This E-mail contains legally privileged and confidential information only intended for the recipient. If the reader of this message is not the intended recipient, you are hereby notified that any review, dissemination, distribution or copying of this communication is prohibited. If this communication was sent or received in error, please notify us by reply e-mail and delete the original message.

Please note: Florida has very broad public records laws. Many written communications to or from The Florida Bar regarding Bar business may be considered public records, which must be made available to anyone upon request. Your e-mail communications may therefore be subject to public disclosure.

**The Florida Bar
Inquiry/Complaint Form**

STOP - PLEASE DOWNLOAD THIS FORM TO YOUR COMPUTER BEFORE FILLING IT OUT.

PART ONE (See Page 1, PART ONE – Complainant Information.):

Your Name: Elizabeth A. Stewart

Organization: Elizabeth A. Stewart PA

Address: P.O. Box 312

City, State, Zip Code: Lake Wales, FL 33859

Phone: 863 - 676-4535

Email: stewart@eastewartlaw.com

ACAP Reference No.: 25-151

Does this complaint pertain to a matter currently in litigation? Yes X No

PART TWO (See Page 1, PART TWO – Attorney Information.):

Attorney's Name: Jennifer Tanck Florida Bar No. 57609

Address: 360 Central Ave.

City, State, Zip Code: St. Petersburg, FL 33701-3984

Phone: 727.577.7779

PART THREE (See Page 1, PART THREE – Facts/Allegations.): The specific thing or things I am complaining about are: (attach additional sheet).

PART FOUR (See Page 1, PART FOUR – Witnesses.): The witnesses in support of my allegations are: (attach additional sheet).

PART FIVE (See Page 1, PART FIVE – Acknowledge Oath and Signature.):



YOU MUST PLACE YOUR MARK IN THE BOX ACKNOWLEDGING THE OATH AND
YOU MUST SIGN YOUR FULL NAME BELOW.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that the foregoing facts are true, correct and complete.

Elizabeth A. Stewart Esq.

Print Name

Signature

9/24/24

Date

Supporting documentation

Submitted by: Elizabeth A. Stewart, Esq.

Re: Jennifer Tanck, Esq.

September 24, 2024

Part Three

I represent Ms. Sharon Henry, Former Wife.

On or about June 9, 2023, Ms. Tanck was sent intake documents regarding a QDRO in the matter of Henry v. Henry, 2000DR-3251, 10th Judicial Circuit, Polk County, FL.

Ms. Tanck accepted the case and was directed to prepare the documents to transfer the NFL pension of the Former Husband.

Check #4927 for \$700.00 was forwarded to Ms. Tanck on June 23, 2023, for her services to prepare the QDRO and related documentation.

Commencing October 22, 2023, numerous emails, personal correspondence, telephone calls and even a certified letters were sent to Ms. Tanck for follow-up. There was no response. Those dates include, but are not limited to, 10/22/23, 11/9/23, 11/28/23, 12/13/23, 1/29/24, 3/19/24, 3/21/24, 4/24/24, and 5/15/24.

I reached out to ACAP for assistance. I received an email from Ms. Tanck that was concerning regarding her practice. Regardless, as a result of ACAP's assistance, Ms. Tanck assured my office that the QDRO and appropriate documentation would be prepared. A copy of her email is attached as Exhibit A. On 7/17/24, I received an email from Ms. Tanck advising that copy of a proposed QDRO order would be circulated that week. After I did not receive the proposed order, I again contacted Ms. Tanck on 8/15/24 and 9/19/24 with no response.

Once again, my email, correspondence and telephone call have gone unanswered. Ms. Tanck has failed to provide the legal services as agreed.

stewart eastewartlaw.com

Subject: FW: A Humble Apology and Thank You

From: Jennifer Tanck <jennifer.tanck@tancklaw.com>

Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2024 7:10 AM

To: Jennifer Tanck <jennifer.tanck@tancklaw.com>

Subject: A Humble Apology and Thank You

Dear Attorneys, Staff & Friends,

I have rewritten this email several times in recent weeks, but it has stayed in my Drafts folder for one reason or another.

As some of you are already aware, 2024 has been a challenging year for me, in more ways than I could have imagined when I set off to conquer the year and make it the best one yet. I have experienced a number of personal challenges and health issues, including my own and those of close family, which has resulted in more missed work than I'd like to admit. For those of you who have known me for the years I've been in practice, you know this is something that has *never* been an issue in my professional life. Between caring for myself and others, I have been pulled away from my business and life in general, resulting in a several-month slide that has hampered my ability to execute on what has always been "easy" for me. If you've ever had a similar experience, you know that once this hole is dug, it is nearly impossible to get out of, particularly when you're being told to "rest" and "recover" rather than just push through at all costs which until now has always been my mantra. In times like this, the downside of being a solo practitioner has never been more evident to me.

You are receiving this email because I am humbly apologetic if I have failed you or client(s) this year in the midst of my personal issues. I am aware that this lapse in service may have caused you to lose faith in my skills and talent, and regretfully I may never gain that back. I am at a point now that I finally feel like I'm back to neutral and am trying my hardest to resurface with grace and ensure that any loose ends I've left along the way are fully tied up. **Over the next week, if I have not addressed a matter that is outstanding with you, please do not hesitate to bring it to my attention so that I can do so or, if warranted, issue the appropriate refund to your client if the work has not been completed to your satisfaction.** I will always strive to do what's right for both you and your clients, whatever that may be.

Throughout the years you have each had a role in some way in my success, and I will be eternally grateful and thankful for the patience, kindness and support you've given to me this year and every time you've entrusted me with your clients' needs and outcomes. **I hope that I will continue to have the opportunity to earn your business** time and again and sincerely appreciate the grace you've given me during this unprecedented season in my life.

With gratefulness,
Jennifer

Jennifer A. Tanck, Esq.

office 727.577.7779 | fax 727.362.1326

360 Central Avenue | Suite 800 | St. Petersburg, FL 33701

www.tancklaw.com

Securely Upload Documents [Here](#).

Supporting documentation

Submitted by: Elizabeth A. Stewart, Esq.

Re: Jennifer Tanck, Esq.

September 24, 2024

Part Four

Witnesses

Elizabeth A. Stewart, Esq. P.O. Box 312, Lake Wales, FL 33859 863-676-4525

Retaining Ms. Tanck; numerous attempts to reach Ms. Tanck, her failure to provide legal services

Amy Mincey, Paralegal P.O. Box 312, Lake Wales, FL 33859 863-676-4525

Retaining Ms. Tanck; numerous attempts to reach Ms. Tanck, her failure to provide legal services

Sharon Henry c/o Elizabeth A. Stewart, Esq.

Retaining Ms. Tanck

From: [Toledo, Catie](#)
To: [Jennifer Tanck](#)
Cc: [Arnold, Lisa](#)
Subject: RE: Florida Bar v. Jennifer Tanck - Florida Bar File 2025-10, 196(6E)
Date: Thursday, February 13, 2025 8:35:11 AM
Attachments: [Stewart vs Tanck.pdf](#)

Good morning Ms. Tanck:

We are in receipt of your email. Given this, I will ask the Grievance Committee to hold off on voting this month. However, please provide a response to the original complaint by Monday February 17th at 5:00 pm. In your response, please include any mitigation you wish the bar to consider. If we do not receive a timely response, Grievance Committee action may lead to suspension.

Please also confirm whether you have received the previous notices, and provide your most recent contact information including email, phone number, and mailing address to ensure we have proper service.

Thank you,

Catherine B. Toledo, Esq.

Senior Attorney

The Florida Bar, Lawyer Regulation

PO Box 270729

Tampa, FL 33688

P: 813-875-9821

Email: ctoledo@floridabar.org | Website: www.floridabar.org



Please note:

Florida has very broad public records laws. Many written communications to or from The Florida Bar regarding Bar business may be considered public records, which must be made available to anyone upon request. Your e-mail communications may therefore be subject to public disclosure.

From: Jennifer Tanck <jennifer.tanck@tancklaw.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2025 4:22 PM
To: Toledo, Catie <ctoledo@floridabar.org>
Cc: Arnold, Lisa <LArnold@floridabar.org>
Subject: Florida Bar v. Jennifer Tanck - Florida Bar File 2025-10, 196(6E)

Dear Ms. Toledo,

I have started drafting this email several times this afternoon and keep starting over, primarily because I am completely at a loss as to what to even say. I am now aware that there is currently a bar complaint pending against me, and I cannot even begin to describe the embarrassment that I am experiencing over not responding in a timely manner. I will IMMEDIATELY file a response to this complaint as I am aware this is a significantly serious issue and any non-response on my part is not acceptable. I regrettably have not been responsive to Ms. Stewart and now to the Bar, and owe everyone an explanation for my lack of attention to this matter. Please know I am incredibly sorry for my failure to respond up to this point and will ensure that the Bar receives a fulsome response immediately.

Thank you,
Jennifer Tanck
Direct Cell Phone (813) 453-4659

Jennifer A. Tanck, Esq.

office 727.577.7779 | fax 727.362.1326

360 Central Avenue | Suite 800 | St. Petersburg, FL 33701

www.tancklaw.com

Securely Upload Documents [Here](#).

Please note: Florida has very broad public records laws. Many written communications to or from The Florida Bar regarding Bar business may be considered public records, which must be made available to anyone upon request. Your e-mail communications may therefore be subject to public disclosure.

From: stewart.eastewartlaw.com
To: [ACAPIntake](#)
Cc: stewart.eastewartlaw.com
Subject: Complaint
Date: Tuesday, September 24, 2024 11:16:10 AM
Attachments: [FL Bar Complaint.pdf](#)

Please see attached information.

Elizabeth A. Stewart, Esq.

Elizabeth A. Stewart, PA

P.O. Box 312

Lake Wales, FL 33859

(863)676-4525

(863)676-4582 fax

stewart@eastewartlaw.com

E-filing: efile@eastewartlaw.com

CONFIDENTIALITY NOTICE: This E-mail contains legally privileged and confidential information only intended for the recipient. If the reader of this message is not the intended recipient, you are hereby notified that any review, dissemination, distribution or copying of this communication is prohibited. If this communication was sent or received in error, please notify us by reply e-mail and delete the original message.

Please note: Florida has very broad public records laws. Many written communications to or from The Florida Bar regarding Bar business may be considered public records, which must be made available to anyone upon request. Your e-mail communications may therefore be subject to public disclosure.

**The Florida Bar
Inquiry/Complaint Form**

STOP - PLEASE DOWNLOAD THIS FORM TO YOUR COMPUTER BEFORE FILLING IT OUT.

PART ONE (See Page 1, PART ONE – Complainant Information.):

Your Name: Elizabeth A. Stewart

Organization: Elizabeth A. Stewart PA

Address: P.O. Box 312

City, State, Zip Code: Lake Wales, FL 33859

Phone: 863 - 676-4535

Email: stewart@eastewartlaw.com

ACAP Reference No.: 25-151

Does this complaint pertain to a matter currently in litigation? Yes X No

PART TWO (See Page 1, PART TWO – Attorney Information.):

Attorney's Name: Jennifer Tanck Florida Bar No. 57609

Address: 360 Central Ave.

City, State, Zip Code: St. Petersburg, FL 33701-3984

Phone: 727.577.7779

PART THREE (See Page 1, PART THREE – Facts/Allegations.): The specific thing or things I am complaining about are: (attach additional sheet).

PART FOUR (See Page 1, PART FOUR – Witnesses.): The witnesses in support of my allegations are: (attach additional sheet).

PART FIVE (See Page 1, PART FIVE – Acknowledge Oath and Signature.):



YOU MUST PLACE YOUR MARK IN THE BOX ACKNOWLEDGING THE OATH AND
YOU MUST SIGN YOUR FULL NAME BELOW.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that the foregoing facts are true, correct and complete.

Elizabeth A. Stewart Esq.

Print Name

Signature

9/24/24

Date

Supporting documentation

Submitted by: Elizabeth A. Stewart, Esq.

Re: Jennifer Tanck, Esq.

September 24, 2024

Part Three

I represent Ms. Sharon Henry, Former Wife.

On or about June 9, 2023, Ms. Tanck was sent intake documents regarding a QDRO in the matter of Henry v. Henry, 2000DR-3251, 10th Judicial Circuit, Polk County, FL.

Ms. Tanck accepted the case and was directed to prepare the documents to transfer the NFL pension of the Former Husband.

Check #4927 for \$700.00 was forwarded to Ms. Tanck on June 23, 2023, for her services to prepare the QDRO and related documentation.

Commencing October 22, 2023, numerous emails, personal correspondence, telephone calls and even a certified letters were sent to Ms. Tanck for follow-up. There was no response. Those dates include, but are not limited to, 10/22/23, 11/9/23, 11/28/23, 12/13/23, 1/29/24, 3/19/24, 3/21/24, 4/24/24, and 5/15/24.

I reached out to ACAP for assistance. I received an email from Ms. Tanck that was concerning regarding her practice. Regardless, as a result of ACAP's assistance, Ms. Tanck assured my office that the QDRO and appropriate documentation would be prepared. A copy of her email is attached as Exhibit A. On 7/17/24, I received an email from Ms. Tanck advising that copy of a proposed QDRO order would be circulated that week. After I did not receive the proposed order, I again contacted Ms. Tanck on 8/15/24 and 9/19/24 with no response.

Once again, my email, correspondence and telephone call have gone unanswered. Ms. Tanck has failed to provide the legal services as agreed.

stewart eastewartlaw.com

Subject: FW: A Humble Apology and Thank You

From: Jennifer Tanck <jennifer.tanck@tancklaw.com>

Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2024 7:10 AM

To: Jennifer Tanck <jennifer.tanck@tancklaw.com>

Subject: A Humble Apology and Thank You

Dear Attorneys, Staff & Friends,

I have rewritten this email several times in recent weeks, but it has stayed in my Drafts folder for one reason or another.

As some of you are already aware, 2024 has been a challenging year for me, in more ways than I could have imagined when I set off to conquer the year and make it the best one yet. I have experienced a number of personal challenges and health issues, including my own and those of close family, which has resulted in more missed work than I'd like to admit. For those of you who have known me for the years I've been in practice, you know this is something that has *never* been an issue in my professional life. Between caring for myself and others, I have been pulled away from my business and life in general, resulting in a several-month slide that has hampered my ability to execute on what has always been "easy" for me. If you've ever had a similar experience, you know that once this hole is dug, it is nearly impossible to get out of, particularly when you're being told to "rest" and "recover" rather than just push through at all costs which until now has always been my mantra. In times like this, the downside of being a solo practitioner has never been more evident to me.

You are receiving this email because I am humbly apologetic if I have failed you or client(s) this year in the midst of my personal issues. I am aware that this lapse in service may have caused you to lose faith in my skills and talent, and regretfully I may never gain that back. I am at a point now that I finally feel like I'm back to neutral and am trying my hardest to resurface with grace and ensure that any loose ends I've left along the way are fully tied up. **Over the next week, if I have not addressed a matter that is outstanding with you, please do not hesitate to bring it to my attention so that I can do so or, if warranted, issue the appropriate refund to your client if the work has not been completed to your satisfaction.** I will always strive to do what's right for both you and your clients, whatever that may be.

Throughout the years you have each had a role in some way in my success, and I will be eternally grateful and thankful for the patience, kindness and support you've given to me this year and every time you've entrusted me with your clients' needs and outcomes. **I hope that I will continue to have the opportunity to earn your business** time and again and sincerely appreciate the grace you've given me during this unprecedented season in my life.

With gratefulness,
Jennifer

Jennifer A. Tanck, Esq.

office 727.577.7779 | fax 727.362.1326

360 Central Avenue | Suite 800 | St. Petersburg, FL 33701

www.tancklaw.com

Securely Upload Documents [Here](#).

Supporting documentation

Submitted by: Elizabeth A. Stewart, Esq.

Re: Jennifer Tanck, Esq.

September 24, 2024

Part Four

Witnesses

Elizabeth A. Stewart, Esq. P.O. Box 312, Lake Wales, FL 33859 863-676-4525

Retaining Ms. Tanck; numerous attempts to reach Ms. Tanck, her failure to provide legal services

Amy Mincey, Paralegal P.O. Box 312, Lake Wales, FL 33859 863-676-4525

Retaining Ms. Tanck; numerous attempts to reach Ms. Tanck, her failure to provide legal services

Sharon Henry c/o Elizabeth A. Stewart, Esq.

Retaining Ms. Tanck

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

THE FLORIDA BAR,

Complainant,

The Florida Bar File
No. 2025-10,369(6E)

v.

JENNIFER ANNE TANCK,

Respondent.

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

On April 10, 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 January 6, 2025, 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 requesting a response by January 21, 2025. A copy was also sent to the complainant. A copy of the letter is attached hereto as "Exhibit A".

2. Respondent failed to respond to The Florida Bar as requested by January 21, 2025.

3. On January 30, 2025, respondent was sent another letter, by regular U.S. Mail to Respondent's record Bar address, advising of a complaint in this case and requesting a response by February 10, 2025. A copy of the letter is attached hereto as "Exhibit B".

4. Respondent failed to respond to The Florida Bar as requested by February 10, 2025.

5. On February 24, 2025, respondent was sent another letter, by email to respondent's record Bar email address, advising of a complaint in this case, transferring the case to the branch office, and requesting a response by March 7, 2025. A copy of the letter is attached hereto as "Exhibit C".

6. Respondent failed to respond to The Florida Bar as requested by March 7, 2025.

7. On March 18, 2025, respondent was given notice by email, U.S. regular mail, and U.S. certified mail that on April 10, 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 the Request for Issuance of Notice of Non-Compliance and Finding of Contempt, Respondent has failed to respond to the official Bar inquiries dated January 6, 2025, January 30, 2025 and February 24 2025.

10. On April 10, 2025, The Grievance Committee 6E 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 24th day of April, 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, Ms. Jennifer Anne Tanck, 360 Central Ave Ste 800, Saint Petersburg, FL 33701-3984 and via e-mail to jennifer.tanck@tancklaw.com; Sandra Fascell Diamond, Designated Reviewer, 150 2nd Ave N Ste 570, St. Petersburg, FL 33701-3340 via email at sandra@diamonddlawflorida.com; and to Staff Counsel, The Florida Bar, 651 E. Jefferson Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399-2300 via e-mail at psavitz@floridabar.org, this 25th day of April, 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

January 6, 2025

Ms. Jennifer Anne Tanck
360 Central Ave Ste 800
Saint Petersburg, FL 33701-3984

Re: Jennifer Anne Tanck; The Florida Bar File No. 2025-10,369(6E)

Dear Ms. Tanck:

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 **January 21, 2025**. **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,

Francisco J. Digon-Greer, Bar Counsel
Attorney Consumer Assistance Program
ACAP Hotline 866-352-0707

Enclosures

cc: Ms. Deborah Santana

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 **January 21, 2025**. 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. 2025-10,369(6E).

Jennifer Anne Tanck

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. 2025-10,369(6E).

Jennifer Anne Tanck

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. 2025-10,369(6E).

Jennifer Anne Tanck

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.



The Florida Bar

651 East Jefferson Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-2300

Joshua E. Doyle
Executive Director

850/561-5600
www.floridabar.org

January 6, 2025

Ms. Deborah Santana
17960 Cunningham Court
Land O Lakes, FL 34638

Re: Jennifer Anne Tanck; The Florida Bar File No. 2025-10,369(6E)

Dear Ms. Santana:

Enclosed is a copy of our letter to Ms. Tanck which requires a response to your complaint.

Once you receive Ms. Tanck's response, you have 10 days to file a rebuttal if you so desire. **If you decide to file a rebuttal, you must send a copy to Ms. Tanck.** Rebuttals should not exceed 25 pages and may refer to any additional documents or exhibits that are available on request. Please address any and all correspondence to me. You may respond by US Mail or email to acapintake@floridabar.org.

Please be advised that as an arm of the Supreme Court of Florida, The Florida Bar can investigate allegations of misconduct against attorneys, and where appropriate, request that the attorney be disciplined. The Florida Bar cannot render legal advice nor can The Florida Bar represent individuals or intervene on their behalf in any civil or criminal matter.

Please review the enclosed Notice on mailing instructions for information on submitting your rebuttal.

Sincerely,

Francisco J. Digon-Greer, Bar Counsel
Attorney Consumer Assistance Program
ACAP Hotline 866-352-0707

Enclosures

cc: Ms. Jennifer Anne Tanck

Ms. Jennifer Anne Tanck
360 Central Ave Ste 800
Saint Petersburg, FL 33701-3984



The Florida Bar

651 East Jefferson Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-2300

Joshua E. Doyle
Executive Director

850/561-5600
www.floridabar.org

January 6, 2025

Ms. Deborah Santana
17960 Cunningham Court
Land O Lakes, FL 34638

Re: Jennifer Anne Tanck; The Florida Bar File No. 2025-10,369(6E)

Dear Ms. Santana:

Enclosed is a copy of our letter to Ms. Tanck which requires a response to your complaint.

Once you receive Ms. Tanck's response, you have 10 days to file a rebuttal if you so desire. **If you decide to file a rebuttal, you must send a copy to Ms. Tanck.** Rebuttals should not exceed 25 pages and may refer to any additional documents or exhibits that are available on request. Please address any and all correspondence to me. You may respond by US Mail or email to acapintake@floridabar.org.

Please be advised that as an arm of the Supreme Court of Florida, The Florida Bar can investigate allegations of misconduct against attorneys, and where appropriate, request that the attorney be disciplined. The Florida Bar cannot render legal advice nor can The Florida Bar represent individuals or intervene on their behalf in any civil or criminal matter.

Please review the enclosed Notice on mailing instructions for information on submitting your rebuttal.

Sincerely,

Francisco J. Digon-Greer, Bar Counsel
Attorney Consumer Assistance Program
ACAP Hotline 866-352-0707

Enclosures

cc: Ms. Jennifer Anne Tanck



The Florida Bar

651 East Jefferson Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-2300

Joshua E. Doyle
Executive Director

850/561-5600
www.floridabar.org

January 6, 2025

Ms. Jennifer Anne Tanck
360 Central Ave Ste 800
Saint Petersburg, FL 33701-3984

Re: Jennifer Anne Tanck; The Florida Bar File No. 2025-10,369(6E)

Dear Ms. Tanck:

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 **January 21, 2025**. **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,

Francisco J. Digon-Greer, Bar Counsel
Attorney Consumer Assistance Program
ACAP Hotline 866-352-0707

Enclosures

cc: Ms. Deborah Santana

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 complaints 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(a), Rules of Discipline, any response by you in these proceedings shall become part of the public record of this matter and thereby become accessible to the public upon the closure of the case by Bar counsel or upon a finding of no probable cause, probable cause, minor misconduct, or recommendation of diversion. Disclosure during the pendency of an investigation may be made only as to status if a specific inquiry concerning this case is made and if this matter is generally known to be in the public domain."

4. The grievance committee is the Bar's "grand jury." Its function and procedure are set forth in Rule 3-7.4. Proceedings before the grievance committee, for the most part, are non-adversarial in nature. However, you should carefully review Chapter 3 of the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar.

5. If the grievance committee finds probable cause, formal adversarial proceedings, which ordinarily lead to disposition by the Supreme Court of Florida, will be commenced under 3-7.6, unless a plea is submitted under Rule 3-7.9.

Ms. Deborah Santana
17960 Cunningham Court
Land O Lakes, FL 34638



The Florida Bar

651 East Jefferson Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-2300

Joshua E. Doyle
Executive Director

850/561-5600
www.floridabar.org

January 30, 2025

Ms. Jennifer Anne Tanck
360 Central Ave Ste 800
Saint Petersburg, FL 33701-3984

Re: Jennifer Anne Tanck; The Florida Bar File No. 2025-10,369(6E)

Dear Ms. Tanck:

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 February 10, 2025. Please note that failure to timely provide this information may be considered a violation of Rule 4-8.4(g).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Francisco J. Digon-Greer".

Francisco J. Digon-Greer, Bar Counsel
Attorney Consumer Assistance Program
ACAP Hotline 866-352-0707

Enclosure

cc: Ms. Deborah Santana



Exhibit C

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

February 24, 2025

Via e-mail to jennifer.tanck@tancklaw.com

Jennifer Anne Tanck
360 Central Ave, Ste 800
Saint Petersburg, FL 33701-3984

Re: Complaint of Deborah Santana against Jennifer Anne Tanck
The Florida Bar File No. 2025-10,369(6E)

Dear Ms. Tanck:

Please be advised that this case was recently transferred to the Tampa Branch Office of The Florida Bar. Please send all correspondence in this matter, referencing the above case number to the attention of the undersigned, preferably by electronic mail at the following address:

Catherine Bonhomme Toledo
The Florida Bar
PO Box 270729
Tampa, FL 33688
ctoledo@floridabar.org

Enclosed you will find correspondence dated January 6, 2025, and January 30, 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 **March 7, 2025**, this matter will be forwarded to the grievance committee for further investigation.

Sincerely,

Catherine Bonhomme Toledo
Bar Counsel
Enclosures

cc: Deborah Santana, Complainant

Exhibit D

From: [Arnold, Lisa](#)
To: jennifer.tanck@tancklaw.com
Cc: debbielsantana@gmail.com; [Michael Patrick Fuino](#); [Sandra Fascell Diamond](#); [Savitz, Patti A.](#); [Toledo, Catie](#)
Subject: Deborah Santana v. Jennifer Anne Tanck; TFB File No. 2025-10,369(6E)
Date: Tuesday, March 18, 2025 9:18:00 AM
Attachments: [Letter to Respondent - Notice of Hearing Non-Compliance - Tanck \(369\).pdf](#)
[GC Request for Issuance of Non Compliance and Contempt - Tanck \(369\).pdf](#)
[Exhibits A-C to GC Request for Issuance of Non-Compliance - Tanck \(369\).pdf](#)

Good morning Ms. Tanck,

On behalf of Bar Counsel Catherine B. Toledo, please find attached correspondence and Grievance Committee Request for Issuance of Notice of Non-Compliance and Finding of Contempt related to the above referenced matter.

Thank you,

Lisa Arnold
Legal Assistant
The Florida Bar, Lawyer Regulation
[P.O. Box 270729](#)
[Tampa, FL 33688](#)
(813) 875-9821 Ext. 4319
Email: larnold@floridabar.org
Website: <http://www.floridabar.org>



Please note: Florida has very broad public records laws. Many written communications to or from The Florida Bar regarding Bar business may be considered public records, which must be made available to anyone upon request. Your e-mail communications may therefore be subject to public disclosure.



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

March 18, 2025

Via Regular and Certified Mail No. 7019 0700 0002 2245 5466, and
Via e-mail to jennifer.tanck@tancklaw.com

Jennifer Anne Tanck
360 Central Ave Ste 800
Saint Petersburg, FL 33701-3984

Re: Jennifer Anne Tanck; The Florida Bar File No. 2025-10,369(6E);

Dear Ms. Tanck:

This letter is to advise you that the Circuit Judicial Grievance Committee 6E will consider the above-referenced case on April 10, 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: Deborah Santana, Complainant
Michael Patrick Fuino, Chair
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.
2025-10,369(6E)

v.

JENNIFER ANNE TANCK,

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 April 10, 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. On January 6, 2025, 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 requesting a response by January 21, 2025. A copy of the letter is attached hereto as "Exhibit A".

2. Respondent failed to respond to The Florida Bar by January 21, 2025.

3. On January 30, 2025, respondent was sent another letter, by regular U.S. Mail to respondent's record Bar address, advising of a complaint in this case and requesting a response by February 10, 2025. A copy of the letter is attached hereto as "Exhibit B".

4. Respondent failed to respond to The Florida Bar as requested by February 10, 2025.

5. On February 24, 2025, respondent was sent another letter, by email to respondent's record Bar email address, advising of a complaint in this case and requesting a response by March 7, 2025. A copy of the letter is attached hereto as "Exhibit C".

6. Respondent failed to respond to The Florida Bar as requested by March 7, 2025.

7. 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
PO Box 270729
Tampa, FL 33688
(813) 875-9821
Florida Bar No.94000
ctoledo@floridabar.org

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify this document has been furnished to the Respondent, Jennifer Anne Tanck by regular U.S. Mail and Certified Mail No. 7019 0700 0002 2245 5466, Return Receipt Request to her record bar address of 360 Central Ave Ste 800, Saint Petersburg, FL 33701-3984, and via email to jennifer.tanck@tancklaw.com; with copies via email to Michael Patrick Fuino, Chair at michael.fuino@myclearwater.com; Sandra Fascell Diamond, Designated Reviewer, at sandra@diamonddlawflorida.com; and to Patricia Ann Toro Savitz, Staff Counsel, via email at psavitz@floridabar.org, dated this 18th day of March, 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

January 6, 2025

Ms. Jennifer Anne Tanck
360 Central Ave Ste 800
Saint Petersburg, FL 33701-3984

Re: Jennifer Anne Tanck; The Florida Bar File No. 2025-10,369(6E)

Dear Ms. Tanck:

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 **January 21, 2025**. **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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Francisco J. Digon-Greer".

Francisco J. Digon-Greer, Bar Counsel
Attorney Consumer Assistance Program
ACAP Hotline 866-352-0707

Enclosures

cc: Ms. Deborah Santana



The Florida Bar

651 East Jefferson Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-2300

Joshua E. Doyle
Executive Director

850/561-5600
www.floridabar.org

January 30, 2025

Ms. Jennifer Anne Tanck
360 Central Ave Ste 800
Saint Petersburg, FL 33701-3984

Re: Jennifer Anne Tanck; The Florida Bar File No. 2025-10,369(6E)

Dear Ms. Tanck:

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 February 10, 2025. Please note that failure to timely provide this information may be considered a violation of Rule 4-8.4(g).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Francisco J. Digon-Greer".

Francisco J. Digon-Greer, Bar Counsel
Attorney Consumer Assistance Program
ACAP Hotline 866-352-0707

Enclosure

cc: Ms. Deborah Santana

From: [Arnold, Lisa](#)
To: jennifer.tanck@tancklaw.com
Cc: ["debbielsantana@gmail.com"](mailto:debbielsantana@gmail.com); [Toledo, Catie](#)
Subject: Deborah Santana v. Jennifer Anne Tanck; TFB File No. 2025-10,369(6E)
Date: Monday, February 24, 2025 11:51:00 AM
Attachments: [10 Day Letter to Respondent - No Response to Complaint Received - Tanck\(369\).pdf](#)
[15 Day Letter to Respondent 1.6.25 - Tanck.pdf](#)
[No Response to 15 Day Letter 1.30.25 - Tanck.pdf](#)
[Initial Complaint - Tanck.pdf](#)

Good morning Ms. Tanck,

On behalf of Bar Counsel Catherine B. Toledo, please find attached correspondence related to the above referenced matter. **Your response is due by March 7, 2025.**

Thank you,

Lisa Arnold
Legal Assistant
The Florida Bar, Lawyer Regulation
[P.O. Box 270729](#)
[Tampa, FL 33688](#)
(813) 875-9821 Ext. 4319
Email: larnold@floridabar.org
Website: <http://www.floridabar.org>



Please note: Florida has very broad public records laws. Many written communications to or from The Florida Bar regarding Bar business may be considered public records, which must be made available to anyone upon request. Your e-mail communications may therefore be subject to public disclosure.



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

February 24, 2025

Via e-mail to jennifer.tanck@tancklaw.com

Jennifer Anne Tanck
360 Central Ave, Ste 800
Saint Petersburg, FL 33701-3984

Re: Complaint of Deborah Santana against Jennifer Anne Tanck
The Florida Bar File No. 2025-10,369(6E)

Dear Ms. Tanck:

Please be advised that this case was recently transferred to the Tampa Branch Office of The Florida Bar. Please send all correspondence in this matter, referencing the above case number to the attention of the undersigned, preferably by electronic mail at the following address:

Catherine Bonhomme Toledo
The Florida Bar
PO Box 270729
Tampa, FL 33688
ctoledo@floridabar.org

Enclosed you will find correspondence dated January 6, 2025, and January 30, 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 **March 7, 2025**, this matter will be forwarded to the grievance committee for further investigation.

Sincerely,

Catherine Bonhomme Toledo
Bar Counsel
Enclosures

cc: Deborah Santana, Complainant



The Florida Bar

651 East Jefferson Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-2300

Joshua E. Doyle
Executive Director

850/561-5600
www.floridabar.org

January 6, 2025

Ms. Jennifer Anne Tanck
360 Central Ave Ste 800
Saint Petersburg, FL 33701-3984

Re: Jennifer Anne Tanck; The Florida Bar File No. 2025-10,369(6E)

Dear Ms. Tanck:

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 **January 21, 2025**. **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,

Francisco J. Digon-Greer, Bar Counsel
Attorney Consumer Assistance Program
ACAP Hotline 866-352-0707

Enclosures

cc: Ms. Deborah Santana

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 **January 21, 2025**. 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. 2025-10,369(6E).

Jennifer Anne Tanck

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. 2025-10,369(6E).

Jennifer Anne Tanck

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. 2025-10,369(6E).

Jennifer Anne Tanck

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.



The Florida Bar

651 East Jefferson Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-2300

Joshua E. Doyle
Executive Director

850/561-5600
www.floridabar.org

January 6, 2025

Ms. Deborah Santana
17960 Cunningham Court
Land O Lakes, FL 34638

Re: Jennifer Anne Tanck; The Florida Bar File No. 2025-10,369(6E)

Dear Ms. Santana:

Enclosed is a copy of our letter to Ms. Tanck which requires a response to your complaint.

Once you receive Ms. Tanck's response, you have 10 days to file a rebuttal if you so desire. **If you decide to file a rebuttal, you must send a copy to Ms. Tanck.** Rebuttals should not exceed 25 pages and may refer to any additional documents or exhibits that are available on request. Please address any and all correspondence to me. You may respond by US Mail or email to acapintake@floridabar.org.

Please be advised that as an arm of the Supreme Court of Florida, The Florida Bar can investigate allegations of misconduct against attorneys, and where appropriate, request that the attorney be disciplined. The Florida Bar cannot render legal advice nor can The Florida Bar represent individuals or intervene on their behalf in any civil or criminal matter.

Please review the enclosed Notice on mailing instructions for information on submitting your rebuttal.

Sincerely,

Francisco J. Digon-Greer, Bar Counsel
Attorney Consumer Assistance Program
ACAP Hotline 866-352-0707

Enclosures

cc: Ms. Jennifer Anne Tanck

Ms. Jennifer Anne Tanck
360 Central Ave Ste 800
Saint Petersburg, FL 33701-3984



The Florida Bar

651 East Jefferson Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-2300

Joshua E. Doyle
Executive Director

850/561-5600
www.floridabar.org

January 6, 2025

Ms. Deborah Santana
17960 Cunningham Court
Land O Lakes, FL 34638

Re: Jennifer Anne Tanck; The Florida Bar File No. 2025-10,369(6E)

Dear Ms. Santana:

Enclosed is a copy of our letter to Ms. Tanck which requires a response to your complaint.

Once you receive Ms. Tanck's response, you have 10 days to file a rebuttal if you so desire. **If you decide to file a rebuttal, you must send a copy to Ms. Tanck.** Rebuttals should not exceed 25 pages and may refer to any additional documents or exhibits that are available on request. Please address any and all correspondence to me. You may respond by US Mail or email to acapintake@floridabar.org.

Please be advised that as an arm of the Supreme Court of Florida, The Florida Bar can investigate allegations of misconduct against attorneys, and where appropriate, request that the attorney be disciplined. The Florida Bar cannot render legal advice nor can The Florida Bar represent individuals or intervene on their behalf in any civil or criminal matter.

Please review the enclosed Notice on mailing instructions for information on submitting your rebuttal.

Sincerely,

Francisco J. Digon-Greer, Bar Counsel
Attorney Consumer Assistance Program
ACAP Hotline 866-352-0707

Enclosures

cc: Ms. Jennifer Anne Tanck



The Florida Bar

651 East Jefferson Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-2300

Joshua E. Doyle
Executive Director

850/561-5600
www.floridabar.org

January 6, 2025

Ms. Jennifer Anne Tanck
360 Central Ave Ste 800
Saint Petersburg, FL 33701-3984

Re: Jennifer Anne Tanck; The Florida Bar File No. 2025-10,369(6E)

Dear Ms. Tanck:

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 **January 21, 2025**. **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,

Francisco J. Digon-Greer, Bar Counsel
Attorney Consumer Assistance Program
ACAP Hotline 866-352-0707

Enclosures

cc: Ms. Deborah Santana

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 complaints 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(a), Rules of Discipline, any response by you in these proceedings shall become part of the public record of this matter and thereby become accessible to the public upon the closure of the case by Bar counsel or upon a finding of no probable cause, probable cause, minor misconduct, or recommendation of diversion. Disclosure during the pendency of an investigation may be made only as to status if a specific inquiry concerning this case is made and if this matter is generally known to be in the public domain."

4. The grievance committee is the Bar's "grand jury." Its function and procedure are set forth in Rule 3-7.4. Proceedings before the grievance committee, for the most part, are non-adversarial in nature. However, you should carefully review Chapter 3 of the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar.

5. If the grievance committee finds probable cause, formal adversarial proceedings, which ordinarily lead to disposition by the Supreme Court of Florida, will be commenced under 3-7.6, unless a plea is submitted under Rule 3-7.9.

Ms. Deborah Santana
17960 Cunningham Court
Land O Lakes, FL 34638



The Florida Bar

651 East Jefferson Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-2300

Joshua E. Doyle
Executive Director

850/561-5600
www.floridabar.org

January 30, 2025

Ms. Jennifer Anne Tanck
360 Central Ave Ste 800
Saint Petersburg, FL 33701-3984

Re: Jennifer Anne Tanck; The Florida Bar File No. 2025-10,369(6E)

Dear Ms. Tanck:

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).

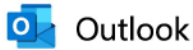
Please provide the requested information by February 10, 2025. Please note that failure to timely provide this information may be considered a violation of Rule 4-8.4(g).

Sincerely,

Francisco J. Digon-Greer, Bar Counsel
Attorney Consumer Assistance Program
ACAP Hotline 866-352-0707

Enclosure

cc: Ms. Deborah Santana



Complaint Form - Jennifer A. Tanck

From Debbie Santana <debbielsantana@gmail.com>

Date Thu 1/2/2025 12:24 PM

To ACAPIntake <acapintake@floridabar.org>

7 attachments (3 MB)

Florida Bar Complaint Form.pdf; Correspondence history.docx; November email chain.pdf; Retirement Benefits Court Order (draft).pdf; Email chain.pdf; November email correspondence.pdf; Vessel - Consent & Retainer - signed.pdf;

Please reach out if any additional information is needed. I have not received any updates or response since my last phone call on 12/16/2024.

Thank you,
Debbie Santana

Please note: Florida has very broad public records laws. Many written communications to or from The Florida Bar regarding Bar business may be considered public records, which must be made available to anyone upon request. Your e-mail communications may therefore be subject to public disclosure.

The Florida Bar
651 E. Jefferson Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2300
Toll Free 1-866-352-0707 (ACAP)

PLEASE READ THESE IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS

Please read all instructions carefully before completing the inquiry/complaint form. If the form is not properly completed it may be returned for correction. **You may submit up to a total of 25 pages including the inquiry/complaint form and exhibits.** You may indicate that additional evidence or exhibits are available upon request. Please legibly print or type in black ink only.

PLEASE NOTE: The Florida Bar cannot intervene on your behalf in a civil or criminal case, nor can we give you legal advice. We do not have jurisdiction to consider complaints against judges and many elected officials. Our lawyer regulation department considers whether an attorney has violated our rules of conduct and determines whether, under the totality of the circumstances, The Florida Bar will seek discipline against the attorney. If your inquiry/complaint is closed, you will receive a written explanation of the reasons for the closure.

PART ONE – Complainant Information. You must give your name, address, email address and phone number. If you have already contacted ACAP, please indicate your ACAP reference number in the space provided. If your inquiry/complaint pertains to a matter currently in litigation, please indicate that in the space provided.

PART TWO – Attorney Information. You must give the name, Bar Number, address, email and phone number of the subject attorney. The Bar Number and address of the attorney are particularly important as many lawyers have the same or similar names. You may find the attorney's Bar Number and contact information by going to www.floridabar.org and searching under Find A Lawyer. **List only one attorney per form (you may copy this form if you need additional copies). The Florida Bar processes inquiry/complaint forms only against individual attorneys, not against law firms or offices.**

PART THREE – Facts/Allegations. On a separate sheet, describe the conduct of the attorney by including the details, in chronological order, and supplying dates where possible. Please be aware that simply alleging conclusions without setting out facts that support those conclusions will result in the need for the Bar to ask you for additional information and may delay a disposition of your complaint. Please number any additional pages you attach. If you have letters, documents or other evidence, you should attach photocopies (**DO NOT SEND ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS**). It is helpful if you mark your attachments as exhibits (A, B, C, etc.), and refer to them in your description of your complaint. **Please do not bind, staple, tab or index your documents. You may underline but DO NOT HIGHLIGHT documents.** Highlighting will obscure the underlying text when scanned into our computers. **Please do not attach media such as audio files, thumb/flash drives, CDs, oversized documents, or photographs. Do not submit .jpeg, .mpeg, .mp3 or links to online materials including Dropbox.** We cannot process any media that cannot be scanned into the electronic record. It is not necessary to include a copy of these instructions.

PART FOUR – Witnesses. Your inquiry/complaint will be considered even if there are no witnesses. If you have witnesses, attach an additional sheet with the name, address and telephone number for each witness, and include a brief description of the facts about which that witness would testify. If you do not attach a list of witnesses, we will presume that you have no witnesses, other than the attorney and yourself.

PART FIVE – Signature. You must sign the form and certify under penalty of perjury that your allegations are true. Unsworn complaints are not considered. **Submit the inquiry/complaint form to our office via U.S. Mail at:**

The Florida Bar
Attn.: ACAP
651 East Jefferson Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2300

Or via email at:

ACAPIntake@floridabar.org

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR COMPLAINANTS AND RESPONDENT-ATTORNEYS

MAILING AND EMAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Materials Received That Do Not Comply With These Instructions May Be Returned Or Not Otherwise Incorporated Into The File

The Florida Bar converts its disciplinary files to electronic media. All submissions are scanned into an electronic record and hard copies are discarded. To help ensure the timely processing of inquiries/complaints, responses and rebuttals, please review the following instructions prior to providing your submission.

1. Please limit your submission to **no more than 25 pages including exhibits**. If you have additional documents or material available, please reference the documents and/or materials in your written submission as available upon request. Should The Florida Bar need to obtain copies of any such documents and/or materials, a subsequent request will be sent to you.
2. **Please do not bind, staple, tab or index your documents. You may underline but do not highlight documents under any circumstances. Please do not submit materials in color.** When documents are scanned in our disciplinary files, highlighting and color will obscure the underlying text.
3. **Please do not attach media such as audio tapes, thumb/flash drives, CDs, or photographs.** We cannot process any media which cannot be scanned into the electronic record. Do not submit .jpeg, .mpeg, .mp3, or links to online materials including Dropbox.
4. **Please do not submit your original supporting documents.** All documents will be discarded after scanning and we will not be able to return any originals submitted to our office. The only original documents that should be provided to our office are the inquiry/complaint form, response and certificate of disclosure.
5. **Whether you are a complainant or a respondent-attorney, please do not submit confidential or privileged information.** Documents submitted to our office become public record. (Respondent-attorneys may wish to consult Rule 4-1.6 (e) of the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar.) Confidential/privileged information should be redacted. Such information includes, but is not limited to, bank account numbers, social security numbers, credit card account numbers, medical records, dependency matters, termination of parental rights, guardian ad litem records, child abuse records, adoption records, documents containing names of minor children, original birth and death certificates, biometric data such as fingerprints, Baker Act records, grand jury records, and juvenile delinquency records. If information of this nature is important to your submission, please describe the nature of the information and indicate that it is available upon request. Bar counsel will contact you to make appropriate arrangements for the protection of any such information (to the extent permitted by law) as part of the investigation of the complaint.
6. The review of inquiries and complaints is governed by Standing Board Policy 15.75. If the inquiry/complaint is closed by bar counsel, the complainant may request a review of the closure in accordance with the policy.
7. **Please provide your submission only one time. Do not submit duplicates via email, facsimile transmission or by any other means. Do not include these instructions. Respondent-attorneys do not need to include a copy of the complaint.**

Please be aware that materials received that do not meet these instructions may be returned or not otherwise incorporated into the file. Thank you for your consideration in this respect.

**The Florida Bar
Inquiry/Complaint Form**

**STOP - PLEASE DOWNLOAD THIS FORM TO YOUR COMPUTER BEFORE
FILLING IT OUT.**

PART ONE (See Page 1, PART ONE – Complainant Information.):

Your Name: Deborah Santana
Organization: _____
Address: 17960 Cunningham Court
City, State, Zip Code: Land O Lakes, FL 34638
Phone: 813-966-6220
Email: debbielsantana@gmail.com
ACAP Reference No.: _____

Does this complaint pertain to a matter currently in litigation? Yes _____ No X

PART TWO (See Page 1, PART TWO – Attorney Information.):

Attorney's Name: Jennifer Anne Tanck Florida Bar No. 57609
Address: 360 Central Ave Ste 800
City, State, Zip Code: Saint Petersburg, FL 33701
Phone: Office: 727-577-7779 Jennifer Tanck cell: 813-453-4659

**PART THREE (See Page 1, PART THREE – Facts/Allegations.): The specific thing or things I
am complaining about are: (attach additional sheet).**

**PART FOUR (See Page 1, PART FOUR – Witnesses.): The witnesses in support of my
allegations are: (attach additional sheet).**

PART FIVE (See Page 1, PART FIVE – Acknowledge Oath and Signature.):



**YOU MUST PLACE YOUR MARK IN THE BOX ACKNOWLEDGING THE OATH AND
YOU MUST SIGN YOUR FULL NAME BELOW.**

**Under penalties of perjury, I declare that the foregoing facts are true, correct and
complete.**

Deborah Santana
Print Name
Deborah L Santana
Signature
1/2/2025
Date

- 4/10/2024 Signed Retainer Agreement
- 4/18/2024 Paid Retainer
- 5/13/2024 I received a draft of the Retirement Benefits Court Order. The order was not correct, so I call the office and spoke to Matt. I explained that I have already received the TSP distribution, and this order should be for the FERS pension from Mr. Vessels USPS retirement. Matt confirmed that Mr. Vessel had called to advise them of this as well.
- I received a letter from Thrift Savings Plan dated 5/8/2024 confirming receipt of the request. (This is not correct) I never received a copy of a corrected order.
- 8/14/2024 I emailed the office for an update and received no response.
- 9/24/2024 I called the office and spoke to Matt Lovesky. He advised me that the document was resent to Jennifer Tanck to sign. I also requested a copy of the corrected order. (never received anything)
- 10/28/2024 I emailed Sarah Mines, Jennifer Tanck and Matt Lovesky and requested an update and a copy of the corrected court order. No response.
- 11/7/2024 I emailed the office again advising it has been 7 months and requested an update.
- 11/12/2024 I resent the same email. No response.
- 11/19/2024 I called the office and left a message requesting an update. No response.
- 11/21/2024 I sent another email follow up. No response.
- 12/16/2024 I called the office and spoke to Matt. He advised me that he resent the papers to Jennifer on 12/11/2024 to sign. I advised Matt that I was going to wait one more week for a response and if I did not receive anything I was going to report this matter to the board. He said that he would let Jennifer know. No response.
- 1/2/2025 I still have not received an email for phone call regarding my case.



Debbie Santana <debbielsantana@gmail.com>

Court Order Acceptable for Processing (FERS)

4 messages

Debbie Santana <debbielsantana@gmail.com>

Tue, Apr 2, 2024 at 1:54 PM

To: Jennifer Tanck <jennifer.tanck@tancklaw.com>, Sarah Mines <sarah@tancklaw.com>

Hello Ladies,

I previously reached out to you but I cannot locate the email.

Jennifer,

You advised that I am still entitled to a portion of my ex-husband's FERS and would need a court order drafted to claim this. The date of your email was 3/17/2021.

I responded on 8/26/2021 with the completed form and a copy of my Final Judgement of Marriage.

I am not sure if I dropped the ball. But I would like to proceed with this. My ex-husband has moved so I will need to complete a new form. If you would please forward a new client intake form I would greatly appreciate it.

My cell phone number is 813-966-6220.

Thank you ,
Debbie Santana

Debbie Santana <debbielsantana@gmail.com>

Wed, Aug 14, 2024 at 1:50 PM

To: Jennifer Tanck <jennifer.tanck@tancklaw.com>, Sarah Mines <sarah@tancklaw.com>

Hello,

I have not received any correspondence or updates regarding my case since April. Will you please provide an update?

Thank you,
Debbie Santana
[Quoted text hidden]

Debbie Santana <debbielsantana@gmail.com>

Mon, Oct 28, 2024 at 1:47 PM

To: Sarah Mines <sarah@tancklaw.com>, Jennifer Tanck <jennifer.tanck@tancklaw.com>, Matt Lovesky <matt@tancklaw.com>

Hello,

I called the office on 9/24/2024 and spoke to Matt. I asked for an update and was advised that my file was on Jennifer's desk waiting to be signed. This is the second time that I have been told this. I am not sure why this is taking so long. I signed everything on 4/10/2024 and paid my retainer on 4/18/2024.

The COAP & RBCO that I signed on 4/10/2024 was not correct because I have already received my FERS benefit. I asked Matt for the corrected/amended court order. I have not received that either.

Please provide an update or advise if I need to seek other legal counsel.

Thank you,
Debbie Santana

[Quoted text hidden]

Debbie Santana <debbielsantana@gmail.com>

Thu, Nov 7, 2024 at 9:40 AM

To: Sarah Mines <sarah@tancklaw.com>, Jennifer Tanck <jennifer.tanck@tancklaw.com>, Matt Lovesky <matt@tancklaw.com>

Hello,

It has been 7 months since I signed my paperwork and paid my retainer and I have not received any responses. The original court order that was sent to myself and Douglas Vessel for the RBCO and COAP was not correct. I have not received a corrected court order. I have called twice and was advised that my file is on Jennifer's desk waiting to be signed. I am confused as to why I cannot get a response from your office and why this is taking so long.

I am waiting for this to be processed to determine if I am going to seek retroactive benefits and this is holding up the process. Please provide an update.

Thank you,
Debbie Santana

[Quoted text hidden]



Debbie Santana <debbielsantana@gmail.com>

Deborah Santana

7 messages

Debbie Santana <debbielsantana@gmail.com>
To: team@tancklaw.com

Thu, Nov 7, 2024 at 9:43 AM

Please forward a copy of the signed/executed document. Since the document has already been signed I cannot retrieve it.

Thank you for asking our office to prepare a Court Order Acceptable for Processing and a Retirement Benefits Court Order. Please use the link in this email to view and e-sign our Consent to Limited Appearance by Attorney form and our Retainer Agreement.

Thank you,
Deborah Santana

Matt Lovesky <matt@tancklaw.com>
To: Debbie Santana <debbielsantana@gmail.com>
Cc: Jennifer Tanck <jennifer.tanck@tancklaw.com>, Sarah Mines <sarah@tancklaw.com>

Thu, Nov 7, 2024 at 10:22 AM

Good morning,

Please find attached your signed Limited Consent form and Retainer Agreement. I will follow up with Jennifer about your Orders.

Thank you,

Matt

Matthew Lovesky

Legal Assistant

Jennifer A. Tanck, Esq.

office 727.577.7779 | **fax** 727.362.1326

360 Central Avenue | Suite 800 | St. Petersburg, FL 33701

www.tancklaw.com

Securely Upload Documents Here

[Quoted text hidden]

 **Vessel - Consent & Retainer - signed.pdf**
644K

Debbie Santana <debbielsantana@gmail.com>
To: Matt Lovesky <matt@tancklaw.com>

Thu, Nov 7, 2024 at 10:26 AM

Thank you Matt. I have this document. I am referring to the document that Doug and I both signed referencing the TSP benefit. I have already received this. This order should be for the FERS pension.

Debbie

[Quoted text hidden]

Matt Lovesky <matt@tancklaw.com>
To: Debbie Santana <debbielsantana@gmail.com>

Thu, Nov 7, 2024 at 10:30 AM

I cannot find any document that has been signed by both you and Mr. Vessel. I've attached the draft Retirement Benefits Court Order for the Thrift Savings Plan to this email. I've followed up with Jennifer about the Court Order Acceptable for Processing, so hopefully she will send that to you soon. Please let me know if there is something else you are looking for.

Thanks,

[Quoted text hidden]



Vessel - RBCO - TSP.docx
3783K

Debbie Santana <debbielsantana@gmail.com>

Thu, Nov 7, 2024 at 10:54 AM

To: Matt Lovesky <matt@tancklaw.com>

I have already received the \$10,308.59 from his Thrift Savings Plan account. So that should not be listed. This is for his FERS pension from his USPS employment. I do not see anything in this document referencing the retirement benefit.

Mr. Vessel is not in good health and I really would like to get this moving along so I can at least get what I am entitled to. Like I said before, depending on the amount of the benefit this will determine if I seek retro benefits.

Debbie

[Quoted text hidden]

Debbie Santana <debbielsantana@gmail.com>

Tue, Nov 12, 2024 at 3:57 PM

To: Matt Lovesky <matt@tancklaw.com>, Jennifer Tanck <jennifer.tanck@tancklaw.com>, Sarah Mines <sarah@tancklaw.com>

I have already received the \$10,308.59 from his Thrift Savings Plan account. So that should not be listed. This is for his FERS pension from his USPS employment. I do not see anything in this document referencing the retirement benefit. The court draft is not correct. Please advise.

Thank you,
Debbie

[Quoted text hidden]

Debbie Santana <debbielsantana@gmail.com>

Thu, Nov 21, 2024 at 11:06 AM

To: Matt Lovesky <matt@tancklaw.com>, Jennifer Tanck <jennifer.tanck@tancklaw.com>, Sarah Mines <sarah@tancklaw.com>

Hello,

Following up on this.

I have consulted with two attorneys including the one that recommended you. They advised that I request a refund and or report this situation to the bar. It has been 7 months and I have not even received a copy of the correct court order. I have reached out by email and left messages.

[Quoted text hidden]



Debbie Santana <debbielsantana@gmail.com>

Deborah Santana

7 messages

Debbie Santana <debbielsantana@gmail.com>
To: team@tancklaw.com

Thu, Nov 7, 2024 at 9:43 AM

Please forward a copy of the signed/executed document. Since the document has already been signed I cannot retrieve it.

Thank you for asking our office to prepare a Court Order Acceptable for Processing and a Retirement Benefits Court Order. Please use the link in this email to view and e-sign our Consent to Limited Appearance by Attorney form and our Retainer Agreement.

Thank you,
Deborah Santana

Matt Lovesky <matt@tancklaw.com>
To: Debbie Santana <debbielsantana@gmail.com>
Cc: Jennifer Tanck <jennifer.tanck@tancklaw.com>, Sarah Mines <sarah@tancklaw.com>

Thu, Nov 7, 2024 at 10:22 AM

Good morning,

Please find attached your signed Limited Consent form and Retainer Agreement. I will follow up with Jennifer about your Orders.

Thank you,

Matt

Matthew Lovesky

Legal Assistant

Jennifer A. Tanck, Esq.

office 727.577.7779 | **fax** 727.362.1326

360 Central Avenue | Suite 800 | St. Petersburg, FL 33701

www.tancklaw.com

Securely Upload Documents Here

[Quoted text hidden]

 **Vessel - Consent & Retainer - signed.pdf**
644K

Debbie Santana <debbielsantana@gmail.com>
To: Matt Lovesky <matt@tancklaw.com>

Thu, Nov 7, 2024 at 10:26 AM

Thank you Matt. I have this document. I am referring to the document that Doug and I both signed referencing the TSP benefit. I have already received this. This order should be for the FERS pension.

Debbie

[Quoted text hidden]

Matt Lovesky <matt@tancklaw.com>
To: Debbie Santana <debbielsantana@gmail.com>

Thu, Nov 7, 2024 at 10:30 AM

I cannot find any document that has been signed by both you and Mr. Vessel. I've attached the draft Retirement Benefits Court Order for the Thrift Savings Plan to this email. I've followed up with Jennifer about the Court Order Acceptable for Processing, so hopefully she will send that to you soon. Please let me know if there is something else you are looking for.

Thanks,

[Quoted text hidden]

 **Vessel - RBCO - TSP.docx**
3783K

Debbie Santana <debbielsantana@gmail.com>
To: Matt Lovesky <matt@tancklaw.com>

Thu, Nov 7, 2024 at 10:54 AM

I have already received the \$10,308.59 from his Thrift Savings Plan account. So that should not be listed. This is for his FERS pension from his USPS employment. I do not see anything in this document referencing the retirement benefit.

Mr. Vessel is not in good health and I really would like to get this moving along so I can at least get what I am entitled to. Like I said before, depending on the amount of the benefit this will determine if I seek retro benefits.

Debbie
[Quoted text hidden]

Debbie Santana <debbielsantana@gmail.com>
To: Matt Lovesky <matt@tancklaw.com>, Jennifer Tanck <jennifer.tanck@tancklaw.com>, Sarah Mines <sarah@tancklaw.com>

Tue, Nov 12, 2024 at 3:57 PM

I have already received the \$10,308.59 from his Thrift Savings Plan account. So that should not be listed. This is for his FERS pension from his USPS employment. I do not see anything in this document referencing the retirement benefit. The court draft is not correct. Please advise.

Thank you,
Debbie
[Quoted text hidden]

Debbie Santana <debbielsantana@gmail.com>
To: Matt Lovesky <matt@tancklaw.com>, Jennifer Tanck <jennifer.tanck@tancklaw.com>, Sarah Mines <sarah@tancklaw.com>

Thu, Nov 21, 2024 at 11:06 AM

Hello,

Following up on this.

I have consulted with two attorneys including the one that recommended you. They advised that I request a refund and or report this situation to the bar. It has been 7 months and I have not even received a copy of the correct court order. I have reached out by email and left messages.

[Quoted text hidden]

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA
FAMILY LAW DIVISION**

IN RE: THE MARRIAGE OF:

CASE NO.: 11-DR-015608

DIVISION: B

DEBORAH LYNN VESSEL N/K/A SANTANA,
Petitioner/Former Wife,

and

DOUGLAS EDWIN VESSEL,
Respondent/Former Husband.

RETIREMENT BENEFITS COURT ORDER

WHEREAS, the parties were married to each other on October 7, 2000, and a Final Judgment of Dissolution of Marriage terminating the marriage of the above-named parties was entered on May 3, 2012; and

WHEREAS, this Court has personal jurisdiction over both parties and jurisdiction over the subject matter of this Order; and

WHEREAS, this Order is entered pursuant to Chapter 61 of the Dissolution of Marriage Laws of the State of Florida to enforce the marital property rights of the Former Spouse; and

WHEREAS, this Order applies to the Thrift Savings Plan – Uniformed Services Account, as specifically set forth in the Order; and

WHEREAS, the parties have stipulated that the Court shall enter this Order;

NOW it is ORDERED and ADJUDGED as follows:

1. As used in this Order, the following terms shall apply:
 - a. “Participant” shall mean Douglas Edwin Vessel, whose current mailing address is 2994 Tour Trace, Land O’ Lakes, FL 34638.
 - b. “Payee” shall mean Deborah Lynn Santana, whose current mailing address is 17960 Cunningham Court, Land O’ Lakes, FL 34638. **The Alternate Payee shall be responsible for notifying the Plan Administrator in writing of any changes in her mailing address subsequent to the submission of this Order.**
 - c. “Plan” shall mean Thrift Savings Plan – Uniformed Services Account.

d. **Definitions**

Payee-The payee is any spouse, former spouse, child, or other dependent of a participant who is recognized by a domestic relations order as having a right to receive all or a portion of the benefits payable under the Plan with respect to the participant.

Date of Distribution-The date on which the awarded benefit is distributed to the payee.

Liquidation Date-The liquidation date is the date the amount assigned to the payee is transferred from the participant's Vested Account Balance to a separate account established for the payee in accordance with the terms of the RBCO. An assignment as of the liquidation date assigns a portion of the participant's current Vested Account Balance.

Plan Administrator-Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board ("FRTIB") is the Plan Administrator for Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board's employee benefit plans.

Valuation Date-The Valuation Date is the date on which the participant's Vested Account Balance will be valued in order to determine the payee's designated portion in accordance with the terms of this order. Accounts are valued on a daily basis.

Vested Account Balance-The participant's Vested Account Balance is the dollar amount the participant has a nonforfeitable right to receive from the Plan.

2. Participant and Alternate Payee were married on October 7, 2000 and were divorced on May 3, 2012.

3. **Benefit Payable to the Payee:** This order assigns to the payee an amount equal to \$10,308.59 of the Participant's Vested Account Balance under the Plan (identified in Section 1) as of the Liquidation Date ("Valuation Date").

From the Valuation Date to the Liquidation Date, the amount assigned to the Alternate Payee **will not** include earnings and losses.

4. **Form of Payment:** The payee shall receive the portion of the plan benefits assigned to the payee in a single lump-sum payment. Such amount shall be adjusted for earnings and losses from the liquidation date to the date of distribution to the payee.

5. **Commencement:** The payee shall be eligible to receive payment as soon as administratively reasonable following the determination that this order is qualified. In no event can the payee begin his or her benefit later than April 1 following the year in which the participant becomes eligible for minimum distributions.

6. **Death Procedures:** If the participant predeceases the payee prior to payment of the payee's assigned benefits under the RBCO, the payee's benefits will not be affected. In the event of the participant's death, the account balance, which remains the property of the participant, will be payable to the participant's designated beneficiary or in accordance with Plan provisions. This order does not require the participant to name the payee as the beneficiary for the benefits not assigned to the payee.

In case of the death of the payee prior to distribution of the payee's benefits under the RBCO, the assigned benefits will be paid to the payee's designated beneficiary or, if none, in accordance with Plan provisions.

7. Retention of Jurisdiction: This matter arises from an action for divorce or legal separation in this court under the case number set forth at the beginning of this order. Accordingly, this court has jurisdiction to issue this order.

In the event the Plan Administrator determines that this order is not a Qualified Retirement Benefits Order, both parties shall cooperate with the Plan Administrator in making any changes needed for it to become qualified. This includes signing all necessary documents. For this purpose, this court expressly reserves jurisdiction over the dissolution proceeding involving the participant, the payee, and the participant's interest in the Plan.

8. Pursuant to Section 414(p)(3) of the Code and except as provided by Section 414(p)(4), this order:

- (i) Does not require the Plan to provide any type or form of benefit, or any option, not otherwise provided under the Plan;
- (ii) Does not require the Plan to provide increased benefits; and
- (iii) Does not require the payment of benefits to an payee that is required to be paid to another payee under another order previously determined to be a Qualified Domestic Relations Order.

9. Taxation: For purposes of Sections 402 and 72 of the Code, any payee who is the spouse or former spouse of the participant shall be treated as the distributee of any distributions or payments made to the payee under the terms of the order and, as such, will be required to pay the appropriate federal, state, and local income taxes on such distributions.

10. Constructive Receipt: If the Plan inadvertently pays to the participant any benefit that is assigned to the payee pursuant to the terms of this order, the participant will immediately reimburse the Plan to the extent the participant has received such benefit payments and shall forthwith pay such amounts so received to the Plan within ten (10) days of receipt.

If the Plan inadvertently pays to the payee any benefit that is actually payable to the participant, the payee must make immediate reimbursement. The payee must reimburse the Plan to the extent he or she has received such benefit payments and shall forthwith pay such amount so received to the Plan within ten (10) days of receipt.

11. Effect of Plan Termination: If the Plan is terminated, the payee shall be entitled to receive his or her portion of the participant's benefits as stipulated herein in accordance with the Plan's termination provisions for participants and beneficiaries.

12. Certification of Necessary Information: All payments made pursuant to this order shall be conditioned on the certification by the payee and the participant to the Plan Administrator of such information as the Plan Administrator may reasonably require from such parties to make the necessary calculation of the benefit amounts contained herein.

Done and Ordered this _____ day of _____, 2024, in Chambers in
Hillsborough County, Florida.

Circuit Court Judge

Submitted by:

Attorney for Order:

Jennifer Tanck, Esquire
360 Central Avenue, Suite 800
St. Petersburg, FL 33701

Copies Provided to:

Participant:

Douglas E. Vessel
2994 Tour Trace
Land O' Lakes, FL 34638

Payee:

Deborah L. Santana
17960 Cunningham Court
Land O' Lakes, FL 34638

Plan Administrator:

TSP Court Order Center
C/O Broadridge Processing
P.O. Box 120
Newark, NJ 07101-0120

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA
FAMILY LAW DIVISION**

IN RE: THE MARRIAGE OF:

CASE NO.: 11-DR-015608

DIVISION: B

DEBORAH LYNN VESSEL N/K/A SANTANA,
Petitioner/Former Wife,

and

DOUGLAS EDWIN VESSEL,
Respondent/Former Husband.

_____ /

CONSENT TO LIMITED APPEARANCE BY ATTORNEY

I, DEBORAH LYNN SANTANA, Petitioner, consent to the limited representation by counsel, Jennifer A. Tanck, located at 360 Central Avenue, Suite 800, St. Petersburg, FL 33701, for the following limited purpose(s):

_____ 1. The hearing set for _____ (date) at _____ (time) on the
issue(s) of _____ (specify).

 X 2. To represent Petitioner/Respondent on the following issue(s) throughout the proceedings:

- _____ A. Expert for and calculation of pension value.
- _____ B. Expert for equitable distribution of marital assets and liabilities.
- _____ C. Expert for calculation of alimony and child support.
- X D. Preparation of RBCO and COAP and submit to Court for approval.
- _____ E. Review and submit QDRO to Court for approval.
- _____ F. Other: _____

The clerk of the above-styled court is requested to enter this notice of record.

**I certify that a copy of this consent to limited appearance was: (X) e-mailed () mailed () faxed
() hand delivered to the person(s) listed below on _____.**

Name: Douglas E. Vessel
Address: 2994 Tour Trace, Land O' Lakes, FL 34638
Telephone Number: 813-766-6220
Fax Number: _____
E-mail Address(es): dougvesel@gmail.com

Deborah Santana

Signature of Petitioner

Printed Name: Deborah L. Santana

Address: 17960 Cunningham Court, Land O' Lakes, FL
34638

Telephone Number: 813-966-6220

E-mail Address(es): debbielsantana@gmail.com

Jennifer A. Tanck, Esq.
Attorney at Law
360 Central Avenue, Suite 800
St. Petersburg, FL 33701
Phone (727) 577-7779 | FAX (727) 362-1326

RETAINER AGREEMENT

DATED this 10th day of April, 2024, the undersigned retains and employs Jennifer A. Tanck, Esq., 360 Central Avenue, Suite 800, St. Petersburg, FL 33701, as her attorney to represent her to prepare and submit Court Order Acceptable for Processing and Retirement Benefits Court Order to the Court.

The undersigned agree(s) to pay as attorney's fees the following:

- (a) X \$1,200.00 as and for a non-refundable retainer, inclusive of expenses for certified copies and certified mail, for preparation and submission of Court Order Acceptable for Processing and Retirement Benefits Court Order to the Court, or
- (b) \$450.00 as and for a non-refundable retainer, for preparation of a QDRO for submission to undersigned's counsel.
- (c) \$200.00 as and for a non-refundable retainer per hour for legal services, including but not limited to court appearances, financial and legal consultation services, pension valuation services, or expert witness testimony; and \$75.00 per hour for legal assistant services actually and necessarily expended on behalf of undersigned. These charges will be outlined to the client before any work is commenced.

This contract shall be governed by the law of the State of Florida.

Client hereby consents to the imposition of a charging lien against any homestead I may own or any other assets which I now own or may acquire in the future, including but not limited to, properties of any nature, materials, inventory, bank accounts, brokerage accounts, trust assets, etc., to satisfy any and all attorney's fees and/or expenses incurred on my behalf or any legal work or expense which I have requested to be performed. As a condition for allowing the imposition of such charging lien, I waive any and all rights I may be entitled to as provided under Chapter 222 (F.S. 222.01, et seq.) Florida Statutes and understand that any rights provided under Chapter 222, F.S. are hereby fully and totally vitiated.

The undersigned covenants and agrees to pay and discharge all reasonable costs, attorney's fees, and expenses that shall be incurred and made by the attorney in enforcing the terms of this agreement.

On accounts outstanding thirty (30) days, the undersigned covenants and agrees to pay a carrying charge the greater of \$2.00 or two percent (2%) per month on the average daily balance to the attorney.

On accounts outstanding sixty (60) days or more, all work by the attorney or legal assistant shall cease until the account is paid in full or a monthly payment plan is agreed upon.

THE UNDERSIGNED AGREES TO AND HAS RECEIVED A COPY OF THIS CONTRACT.

Deborah Santana (Signature)

Date: 04 / 10 / 2024

Title	Vessel v. Vessel - COAP & RBCO
File name	Vessel - Co...ttorney.pdf and 1 other
Document ID	bb5251e25d6a8761c30c91cecb9c0f790ac5208e
Audit trail date format	MM / DD / YYYY
Status	● Signed

This document was requested on app.practicepanther.com and signed on app.practicepanther.com

Document History



SENT

04 / 10 / 2024

19:02:43 UTC

Sent for signature to Deborah Santana

(debbielsantana@gmail.com) from debbielsantana@gmail.com

IP: 24.236.110.97



VIEWED

04 / 10 / 2024

19:03:29 UTC

Viewed by Deborah Santana (debbielsantana@gmail.com)

IP: 47.198.15.69



SIGNED

04 / 10 / 2024

19:06:21 UTC

Signed by Deborah Santana (debbielsantana@gmail.com)

IP: 47.198.15.69



COMPLETED

04 / 10 / 2024

19:06:21 UTC

The document has been completed.