

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

THE FLORIDA BAR,

Complainant,

v.

AMBER H. PATWELL,

Respondent.

Supreme Court Case
No.

The Florida Bar File
No. 2022-10,517(6D)

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NOTICE OF DETERMINATION OR JUDGMENT OF GUILT

The Florida Bar files this Notice of Determination or Judgment of Guilt under Rule Regulating The Florida Bar 3-7.2(f), and says:

1. Respondent, Amber H. Patwell, is a member of The Florida Bar, admitted on September 17, 2007.
2. Respondent was arrested on or about March 15, 2022 for two counts of Neglect of a Child. A copy of the arrest affidavit is attached as Exhibit A.
3. On or about April 1, 2022, the Pasco County State Attorney's Office filed a felony information charging respondent with two counts of Neglect of a Child, each a third degree felony. A copy of the felony information is attached as Exhibit B. Respondent failed to notify The Florida

Bar of the felony criminal charges within ten days of the filing of the information.

4. On May 27, 2025, the State Attorney entered a nolle prosqui as to one count of Neglect of a Child. A copy of the nolle prosequi is attached as Exhibit C.

5. On May 29, 2025, respondent was convicted, after a jury trial, of one count of Neglect of a Child. A copy of the May 29, 2025 Court Event Form is attached as Exhibit D.

6. Sentencing is set for June 16, 2025.

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

A. Finding respondent guilty of violating R. Regulating Fla. Bar:

a) 3-4.3 [Misconduct and Minor Misconduct.];

b) 3-4.4 [Criminal Misconduct.];

c) 3-7.2(c) [Notice of Institution of Felony Criminal Charges.]

d) 4-8.4(b) [Misconduct – A lawyer shall not commit a criminal act that reflects adversely on the lawyer’s honesty, trustworthiness, or fitness as a lawyer in other respects.]

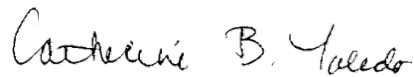
B. Suspending respondent under Rule of Regulating The Florida Bar 3-7.2(f);

C. Ordering respondent to provide a copy of the suspension order to all clients; opposing counsel; co-counsel; courts, tribunals, or adjudicative agencies before which respondent is counsel of record; and state, federal, or administrative bars of which respondent is a member as required by R. Regulating Fla. Bar 3-5.1(h);

D. Ordering respondent to provide staff counsel with the affidavit required by R. Regulating Fla. Bar 3-5.1(h) listing the names and addresses of all persons and entities provided with the suspension order within 30 days after receipt of this Court's order; and

E. Appointing or directing the appointment of a referee to conduct a hearing on sanctions under R. Regulating Fla. Bar 3-7.2(h).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Catherine B. Toledo".

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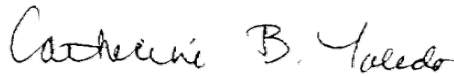
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that this Notice of Determination or Judgment of Guilt has been filed via the Florida Courts E-Filing Portal with The Honorable John A. Tomasino, Clerk of the Supreme Court of Florida with a copy provided via the portal to Michael Ferderigos, at mferderigos@gmail.com; and that a copy has been provided by United States Mail via Certified Mail No. 7016 3010 0000 3167 2236, return receipt requested to Michael Ferderigos, whose record bar address is 610 E Zack St Ste 110-3060, Tampa, FL 33602-3913, and via email to Staff Counsel, The Florida Bar, 651 E. Jefferson Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-6584 via email to psavitz@floridabar.org on this 11th day of June, 2025.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Catherine B. Toledo". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Catherine Bonhomme Toledo, Bar
Counsel

NOTICE OF TRIAL COUNSEL AND DESIGNATION OF PRIMARY EMAIL ADDRESS

The trial counsel in this matter is Catherine Bonhomme Toledo, Bar Counsel, whose address, telephone number and primary email address are The Florida Bar, Tampa Branch Office, PO Box 270729 Tampa FL 33688, (813) 875-9821 and ctoledo@floridabar.org. Respondent need not address pleadings, correspondence, etc. in this matter to anyone other than trial counsel and to Staff Counsel, The Florida Bar, 651 E Jefferson Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399-2300, psavitz@flabar.org.

NOTICE OF MANDATORY ELECTRONIC FILING

All parties must file all pleadings, motions, and notices in this matter electronically, with a copy to the referee, through the Florida Courts E-Filing Portal, www.myflcourtaccess.com, under Rule Regulating The Florida Bar 3-7.6(h)(5)(A) and (B).