

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

THE FLORIDA BAR,

Petitioner,

v.

MARSHA SHARLENE JOHNSON,

Respondent.

Supreme Court Case
No.

The Florida Bar File
No. 2026-30,068 (7B) (OSC)

PETITION FOR CONTEMPT AND ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

The Florida Bar, petitioner, pursuant to Rule 3-7.11(f), Rules Regulating The Florida Bar, files this Petition for Contempt and Order to Show Cause, and states:

1. A copy of the Grievance Committee Finding of Non-Compliance and Failure to Respond to Official Bar Inquiry and Contempt is attached to this Petition as "**Exhibit 1.**"
2. As of the date of the service of this Petition, respondent has failed to respond to official bar inquiries.
3. The other members of The Florida Bar should not have to pay for respondent's failure to respond to official bar inquiries and the initiation of the instant proceeding. Therefore, the bar is requesting administrative costs of \$1,250.00 against respondent.

The bar respectfully requests this Court suspend respondent pursuant to Rule 3-7.11(f), until such time as respondent fully responds in writing to the official bar inquiry contained in “**Exhibit 1**” and until further order of this Court. The bar further requests this Court order respondent to pay the administrative costs of \$1,250.00.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa J. Ramsey".

Lisa J. Ramsey
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that this Petition for Contempt and Order to Show Cause has been E-Filed with the Honorable John A. Tomasino, Clerk of the Supreme Court of Florida, using the E-Filing Portal and that a copy has been furnished by United States Mail via Certified Mail No. **9589 0710 5270 2310 6770 61**, return receipt requested to Marsha Sharlene Johnson, respondent, 412 North Halifax Avenue, Daytona Beach, Florida 32118-4016, and via email to mjohnson@bornsjohnsonlaw.com; with a copy to Staff Counsel, The Florida Bar, 651 East Jefferson Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2300, via email to psavitz@floridabar.org, on this 3rd day of December, 2025.



Lisa J. Ramsey, Bar Counsel

NOTICE OF TRIAL COUNSEL AND DESIGNATION OF PRIMARY EMAIL ADDRESS

The trial counsel in this matter is Lisa J. Ramsey, Bar Counsel, whose address, telephone number and primary email address are The Florida Bar, 1000 Legion Place, Suite 1625, Orlando, Florida 32801, (407) 425-5424 and lr Ramsey@floridabar.org, orlandooffice@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 East Jefferson Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2300, psavitz@floridabar.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.myflcourtagency.com, under Rule Regulating The Florida Bar 3-7.6(h)(5)(A) and (B).

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

THE FLORIDA BAR,
Complainant,

The Florida Bar File
No. 2025-30,602(7B)

v.

MARSHA SHARLENE JOHNSON,
Respondent.

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

On July 25, 2025, pursuant to Rule 3-7.11(f), Rules Regulating The Florida Bar, the Seventh Judicial Circuit Grievance Committee "B" considered whether to issue a Finding of Non-Compliance and Failure to Respond to Official Bar Inquiry and Finding of Contempt and made the following findings:

1. On March 18, 2025, respondent was sent a letter by email to her record bar email address advising of a complaint in this case and was requested to respond by April 3, 2025. A copy of the letter is attached hereto as "Exhibit A".
2. Respondent failed to respond to The Florida Bar as requested in the letter of March 18, 2025.

3. On April 4, 2025, respondent was sent a second to her record bar email address and by certified mail, return receipt requested, to her record bar mailing address advising of a complaint in this case and was requested to respond the letter by April 15, 2025. A copy of the letter is attached hereto as "Exhibit B".

4. The return receipt card was stamped in blue with the word "RECEIVED" and, in the section for the printed name of the person who received the mail, it was stamped in red ink with the date "April 09, 2025" without any name or signature. A copy of the return receipt card is attached hereto as "Exhibit C".

5. Respondent failed to respond to The Florida Bar as requested in the letter of April 4, 2025.

6. Respondent was first given notice that on May 30, 2025, the Seventh Judicial Circuit Grievance Committee "B" would hold a hearing on the Request for Issuance of Notice of Non-Compliance and Finding of Contempt. A copy is attached hereto as "Exhibit D". To ensure respondent had sufficient time to respond, she was given notice via her record bar email address that the hearing would be held on July 25, 2025, instead. A copy of the notice is attached hereto as "Exhibit E".

7. Respondent did not respond to the bar's letter or Request for Issuance of Notice of Non-Compliance and Finding of Contempt.

8. As of the date of this Request for Issuance of Notice of Non-Compliance and Finding of Contempt, respondent has failed to respond to the official bar inquiries dated March 18, 2025 and April 4, 2025.

9. The Seventh Judicial Circuit Grievance Committee "B" found that respondent failed to show good cause for failing to respond to the official bar inquiries and that the non-compliance was willful.

10. The Grievance Committee found respondent to be in contempt and requested The Florida Bar to file a Petition for Contempt and Order to Show Cause with the Supreme Court.

Dated this _____ day of 7/29, 2025.

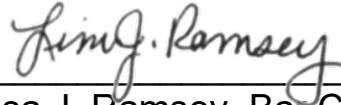
Grievance Committee 7B

Heather S. Maltby

Heather Susan Maltby, Chair

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I certify this Grievance Committee Finding of Non-Compliance has been furnished to respondent, Marsha Sharlene Johnson, 412 N Halifax Ave, Daytona Beach, FL 32118-4016 via e-mail at mjohnson@bornsjohnsonlaw.com; to Heather Susan Maltby, Chair, 200 Malaga Street, Suite 2, St. Augustine, Florida 32084-3507, via e-mail at heather@eppglaw.com; to Philip Bonamo, Designated Reviewer, 222 Seabreeze Boulevard, Daytona Beach, Florida 32118-4026 via e-mail at pbonamo@ricelawflorida.com, and to Staff Counsel, The Florida Bar, 651 East Jefferson Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399-2300 via e-mail at psavitz@floridabar.org, dated this 30th day of July 2025.



Lisa J. Ramsey, Bar Counsel



EXHIBIT

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Joshua E. Doyle
Executive Director

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March 18, 2025

VIA E-Mail to mjohnson@bornsjohnsonlaw.com

Marsha Sharlene Johnson
412 N Halifax Ave
Daytona Beach, FL 32118-4016

Re: Complaint of Michael O. Nealy against Marsha Sharlene Johnson
The Florida Bar File No. 2025-30,602(7B)

Dear Ms. Johnson:

The attached complaint and supporting documents submitted by the above-referenced complainant require your response pursuant to Rule 4-8.4(g) of the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar. Your response is due in our office by April 3, 2025. Also, please furnish the complainant with a complete copy of your written response and any documents submitted. Please review the enclosed Notice of Grievance Procedures regarding submitting your response.

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

Please note that the filing of this complaint does not preclude communication between the attorney and the complainant(s).

Sincerely,

Lisa J. Ramsey
Bar Counsel

Enclosures (Certificate of Disclosure, Notice of Grievance Procedures, Copy of Complaint)

cc: Michael O. Nealy, Complainant

Pursuant to Rule 3-7.1(f) of the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar, you must execute the applicable section of this form and return it to my attention. The rule provides that the nature of the charges be described in the notice to Your firm or you may 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/or 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. 2025-30,602(7B).

Marsha Sharlene Johnson

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. 2025-30,602(7B).

Marsha Sharlene Johnson

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. BarFileNo4.

Marsha Sharlene Johnson

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. If you do not respond, the matter will be forwarded to the grievance committee for disposition in accordance with Rule 3-7.3. Failure to respond may also be a matter of contempt and processed in accordance with Rule 3-7.11(f).
2. Many inquiries considered first by staff counsel are not forwarded to a grievance committee, as they do not involve violations of the Rules of Professional Conduct justifying disciplinary action.
3. Pursuant to Rule 3-7.1, any reports, correspondence, papers, recordings and/or transcripts of hearings submitted by you in this matter shall become accessible to the public upon dismissal or a decision by the grievance committee. Please advise Bar Counsel if you believe any material provided to The Florida Bar is confidential under applicable law and identify the basis of your claim that the material is confidential. Please note that The Florida Bar is required to acknowledge the status of proceedings during the pendency of an investigation, if a specific inquiry is made and the matter is deemed to be in the public domain.
4. The grievance committee is the Bar's "grand jury." Proceedings before the grievance committee are non-adversarial in nature. The grievance committee's function and procedures are set forth in Rule 3-7.4.
5. If the grievance committee finds probable cause, formal adversarial proceedings before the Supreme Court of Florida will be initiated pursuant to Rule 3-7.6. A referee will make a recommendation as to guilt and discipline to The Supreme Court of Florida, unless a plea is submitted pursuant to Rule 3-7.9.



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March 18, 2025

VIA E-Mail to sunriseautomotivefl@gmail.com

Michael O. Nealy
11 Queen Ann Court
Ormond Beach, FL 32174

Re: Complaint by Michael O. Nealy against Marsha Sharlene Johnson
The Florida Bar File No. 2025-30,602(7B)

Dear Mr. Nealy:

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

Once you receive Ms. Johnson'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. Johnson.** Please address all correspondence to me and send a copy to Ms. Johnson.

It is important that you keep The Florida Bar informed of any changes to your contact information.

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.

Sincerely,

Lisa J. Ramsey
Bar Counsel

Enclosures (Copy of Letter to Ms. Johnson with Notice of Grievance Procedures)

cc: Ms. Marsha Sharlene Johnson



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April 4, 2025

Via e-mail to mjohnson@bornsjohnsonlaw.com

Ms. Marsha Sharlene Johnson
412 N Halifax Ave
Daytona Beach, FL 32118-4016

Re: Marsha Sharlene Johnson; The Florida Bar File No. 2025-30,602(7B)

Dear Ms. Johnson:

Enclosed you will find correspondence dated , 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 April 15, 2025, this matter will be forwarded to the grievance committee for further investigation.

Sincerely,

Lisa J. Ramsey
Bar Counsel

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Michael O. Nealy

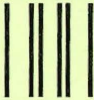
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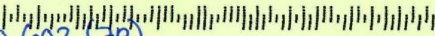
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The Florida Bar
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Attn: 2025-30,602 (7B)



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**REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANCE
AND FINDING OF CONTEMPT**

Pursuant to Rule 3-7.11(f)(2), Rules Regulating The Florida Bar, the undersigned Bar Counsel requests that on May 30, 2025, the Seventh Judicial Circuit Grievance Committee "B" 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 March 18, 2025, respondent was sent a letter by email to her record bar email address advising of a complaint in this case and was requested to respond by April 3, 2025. A copy of the letter is attached hereto as "Exhibit A."
2. Respondent failed to respond to The Florida Bar as requested in the letter of March 18, 2025.

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5. Respondent failed to respond to The Florida Bar as requested in the letter of April 4, 2025.

6. As of the date of this Request for Issuance of Notice of Non-Compliance and Finding of Contempt, 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 willfully has 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.



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July 17, 2025

VIA E-Mail to mjohnson@bornsjohnsonlaw.com

Marsha Sharlene Johnson
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Daytona Beach, FL 32118-4016

Re: Marsha Sharlene Johnson; The Florida Bar File No. 2025-30,602(7B);

Dear Ms. Johnson:

This letter is to advise you that the Seventh Circuit Judicial Grievance Committee "B" will consider the above-referenced case on **July 25, 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**. On May 30, 2025, the bar sent you notice of this vote by email at your record bar email address and, on June 12, 2025, by certified mail at your record bar mailing address. To date, the bar has not received any response from you and the certified letter the bar sent was identified by the post office as "unclaimed" and "returned to sender."

As previously advised, you have the opportunity to make a written statement, sworn or unsworn, explaining, refuting or admitting the alleged misconduct. This statement may be sent to me by email before July 24, 2025. 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,

Lisa J. Ramsey
Bar Counsel