

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

THE FLORIDA BAR,

Petitioner,

v.

THOMAS ARTHUR CHANDLER,

Respondent.

Supreme Court Case
No. SC-

The Florida Bar File
No.: 2024-10,561(12B)

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION OF JUDGMENT OF GUILT

The Florida Bar files this Notice of Determination of Judgment of Guilt, pursuant to Rule 3-7.2(f), Rules of Discipline of the Florida Bar, and says:

1. Respondent, Thomas Arthur Chandler, is and, at all times the relevant conduct occurred was, a member of The Florida Bar subject to the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of Florida.

2. Respondent is currently delinquent and not eligible to practice law in Florida.

3. On July 30, 2023, respondent was arrested for Driving Under the Influence Third Violation within 10 years.

4. Respondent was charged by information with Driving Under the Influence Third Violation within 10 years in 2023-CF-001961, a third degree

felony.

5. On September 5, 2024, respondent pled Nolo Contendere and was adjudicated guilty in 2023-CF-001961. See Judgment attached as Exhibit A.

6. Respondent was sentenced to 30 days Manatee County Jail with credit for all time served including time spent in a residential treatment program, to be followed by 5 years of probation.

7. Respondent was ordered to install an ignition interlock device in his vehicle for one year.

8. Respondent was ordered to completed advanced D.U.I. school.

9. Respondent failed to report this felony conviction to The Florida Bar.

10. Pursuant to R. Regulating Fl. Bar 3-7.2(a)(2), a determination of guilt includes "...cases in which the convicted lawyer has entered a no contest plea to criminal charges..."

11. A determination of guilt as to respondent was made in 2023-CF-001961.

12. Pursuant to R. Regulating Fla. Bar 3-7.2(b) this determination of guilt “is conclusive proof of guilt of the criminal offense(s) charged for the purposes of these rules.”

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

A. Finding respondent guilty of violating Rules Regulating The Florida 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.]

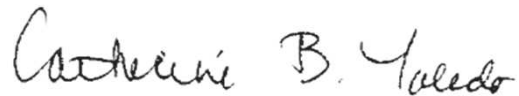
B. Suspending respondent immediately pursuant to Rule 3-7.2(f), Rules of Discipline of The Florida Bar, and not allowing the respondent 30 days to close his practice.

C. Ordering respondent to furnish a copy of the suspension order to all clients, opposing counsel and courts before which he is counsel of record as required by Rule 3-5.1(h) of the Rules of Discipline of The Florida Bar and to furnish staff counsel with the requisite affidavit listing all clients, counsel and courts so informed within 30 days after receipt of the court's

order; and

D. Appointing or directing the appointment of a referee to conduct a hearing on sanctions pursuant to Rule 3-7.2(h), Rules of Discipline of The Florida Bar.

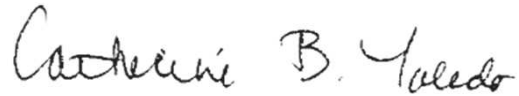
Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Catherine B. Toledo". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that this document 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 Thomas Chandler, at tchandler42461@gmail.com; and that a copy has been provided by United States Mail via certified mail No. 7019 0700 0002 2245 5404, return receipt requested to Thomas Arthur Chandler, whose record bar address is 5681 Bentgrass Dr Unit 102, Sarasota, FL 34235-7640 and via email to Catherine B. Toledo, Bar Counsel, The Florida Bar, PO Box 270729 Tampa, FL 33688-0729, and to Staff Counsel, Patricia Savitz, The Florida Bar, at psavitz@flabar.org, on this 25th day of November, 2024.



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**NOTICE OF TRIAL COUNSEL AND DESIGNATION OF PRIMARY
EMAIL ADDRESS**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that 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 Patricia Savitz, 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.myflcourtaaccess.com, under Rule Regulating The Florida Bar 3-7.6(h)(5)(A) and (B).

MANDATORY ANSWER NOTICE

RULE 3-5.2(a), OF THE RULES REGULATING THE FLORIDA BAR,
PROVIDES THAT A RESPONDENT SHALL ANSWER A COMPLAINT.