

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

THE FLORIDA BAR,

Supreme Court Case
No. SC-

IN RE:
THE PETITION FOR
DISCIPLINARY REVOCATION OF
DEREK JAMES ACREE,

The Florida Bar File
No. 2023-50,452(15A)FDR

Petitioner.

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**PETITION FOR DISCIPLINARY REVOCATION WITH LEAVE
TO APPLY FOR READMISSION**

COMES NOW Petitioner, Derek James Acree, and submits this
Petition for Disciplinary Revocation pursuant to Rule Regulating Fla. Bar 3-
7.12 and states:

1. Petitioner knowingly and voluntarily submits this petition with
leave to reapply for readmission after five (5) years with full knowledge of
its effect.
2. Petitioner is 47 years old and has been a member of The
Florida Bar since July 27, 2002, and is subject to the jurisdiction of the
Supreme Court of Florida and the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar.
3. Petitioner has no prior disciplinary history.
4. Petitioner has one pending bar matter, *The Florida Bar v. Derek
James Acree*, Case No. SC23-87, The Florida Bar File No. 2023-

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50,154(15A)FFC, which is currently pending before a referee. The following allegations from Supreme Court Case No. SC23-87, The Florida Bar File No. 2023-50,154(15A)FFC, provide the basis for petitioner's Petition for Disciplinary Revocation.

A. The Florida Bar File No. 2023-50,154(15A)FFC is currently pending before a referee pursuant to the January 20, 2023 Order of the Supreme Court of Florida upon the bar's filing of a Notice of Determination or Judgment of Guilt under Rule 3-7.2(f) of the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar. Petitioner entered a plea of guilty to one count of Conspiracy to Commit Wire Fraud in the case styled *United States of America v. Derek James Acree*, Case No. 9:22-CR-80157-AHS. On or about January 4, 2023, petitioner was subsequently adjudicated guilty and sentenced to 41 months in prison to be followed by a three-year term of supervised release.

5. Petitioner contends that granting this petition will not adversely affect the public interest, the integrity of the courts, or the confidence of the public in the legal profession. Further, petitioner contends that granting this petition will not hinder the administration of justice.

6. Petitioner agrees to reimburse the Client Security Fund (CSF) for any and all funds CSF has paid or may pay out for claims resulting from petitioner's misconduct.

7. Petitioner agrees to reimburse The Florida Bar for the costs incurred in his disciplinary cases.

8. Petitioner agrees to submit to a complete audit of any trust account(s) and any other account(s) in which petitioner has placed client funds, if requested to do so by The Florida Bar.

9. Petitioner further agrees to submit a sworn financial affidavit to The Florida Bar attesting to petitioner's current personal and professional financial circumstances on a form to be provided by The Florida Bar within thirty (30) days, if requested.

10. Petitioner further agrees to maintain a current mailing address with The Florida Bar for a period of five (5) years after the disciplinary revocation becomes final. Further, petitioner shall keep the bar advised as to the physical address of petitioner's home and/or business in the event petitioner should utilize a post office box or other type of mail drop service during the five (5) year period after the disciplinary revocation becomes final.

11. Petitioner agrees to eliminate all indicia of petitioner's status as an attorney on email, social media, telephone listings, stationery, checks, business cards, office signs or any other indicia of petitioner's status as an attorney, whatsoever.

12. Petitioner understands that the granting of this petition by the Supreme Court of Florida shall serve to dismiss all pending disciplinary cases.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner respectfully requests that this Court grant this petition and order that petitioner's membership in The Florida Bar be revoked with leave to seek readmission.

Respectfully submitted,


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Dated this 28 day of February, 2023.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that this document has been E-filed with The Honorable John A. Tomasino, Clerk of the Supreme Court of Florida, with a copy provided to Derek James Acree, Petitioner, pro se, via email at djacree@gmail.com; and to Staff Counsel, The Florida Bar, via email at psavitz@floridabar.org, on this 2 day of March, 2023.



Joi L. Pearsall, Bar Counsel