

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

THE FLORIDA BAR,

Petitioner,

v.

PETER BENJAMIN BERKMAN,

Respondent.

Supreme Court Case  
No.

The Florida Bar File  
No. 2025-10,787 (6A)

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**PETITION FOR INTERIM SUSPENSION**

The Florida Bar (the bar) files this petition seeking the interim suspension of Peter Benjamin Berkman, Attorney No. 110330, from the practice of law in Florida under Florida R. Regulating Fla. Bar 3-5.3 and states:

1. Peter Benjamin Berkman (respondent) is a member of The Florida Bar, admitted on May 27, 2014.
2. Respondent is and, at all times the relevant conduct occurred was, a member of The Florida Bar subject to the jurisdiction and disciplinary rules of this Court.
3. Respondent is currently a member in good standing.

4. Respondent was arrested on July 31, 2024, for false imprisonment of a person and aggravated assault. A copy of the criminal report affidavit is attached as Exhibit A.

5. Respondent was charged with a third-degree felony of Aggravated Assault, F.S. 784.021(1)(a) and a first-degree misdemeanor of Petit Theft, F.S. 812.014(2) (e)/26.012, on October 3, 2024. A copy of the felony information is attached as Exhibit B.

6. The above charges remain pending as of the preparation of this petition.

7. The above charges reflect adversely on respondent's fitness to practice law.

8. Respondent was released from custody pending resolution of the charges, as of the preparation of this petition.

9. The bar's Executive Director authorized filing this Petition for Interim Suspension.

The bar respectfully requests this Court issue an order under R. Regulating Fla. Bar 3-5.3 directing respondent to show cause why respondent should not be suspended from the practice of law until further order of this Court and setting dates for the response and any reply.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michelle Robertson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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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 Peter Benjamin Berkman, at [peter@peterberkmanlaw.com](mailto:peter@peterberkmanlaw.com); and that a copy has been provided by United States Mail via certified mail No. 7019 1640 0001 2688 0049, return receipt requested to Peter Benjamin Berkman, whose record bar address is 5230 Land O Lakes Blvd Unit 431, Land O Lakes, FL 34639-3218, and via email to Patricia Ann Toro Savitz, Staff Counsel, at [psavitz@floridabar.org](mailto:psavitz@floridabar.org), on this 5th day of December 2025.



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## **NOTICE OF DESIGNATION OF PRIMARY EMAIL ADDRESS**

Bar counsel in this matter is Michelle Lopes Robertson, Bar Counsel, whose address, telephone number and primary email address are The Florida Bar, Tampa Branch Office, 400 North Tampa Street, Suite 2000 Tampa FL 33602, (813) 875-9821 and [mrobertson@floridabar.org](mailto:mrobertson@floridabar.org). Respondent need not address pleadings, correspondence, etc. in this matter to anyone other than bar counsel and to Patricia Ann Toro Savitz, Staff Counsel, The Florida Bar, 651 E. Jefferson Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399-2300, [psavitz@floridabar.org](mailto: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](http://www.myflcourtagency.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 MUST ANSWER A COMPLAINT.