

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

THE FLORIDA BAR,

Complainant,

v.

RICHARD DANIEL DORFMAN,

Respondent.

Supreme Court Case No.
SC-

The Florida Bar File No.
2024-50,164(15A)

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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 is a member of The Florida Bar, admitted on October 27, 2016 and subject to the jurisdiction and disciplinary rules of the Supreme Court of Florida.

2. On or about August 23, 2023, in the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Palm Beach County, Florida in the State of Florida v. Richard Daniel Dorfman, Case No. 50-2023-CF-007041-AXXX-MB, respondent was charged by Information with one count of DUI Manslaughter and one count of Vehicular Homicide.

3. On or about December 10, 2024, in the case styled State of Florida v. Richard Daniel Dorfman, Case No. No. 50-2023-CF-007041-

AXXX-MB, respondent entered a plea of guilty to one count of Vehicular Homicide. Respondent is scheduled to be sentenced on February 11, 2025, to twenty-four months of incarceration, followed by seven years of probation and other special conditions. **(The Florida Bar Exhibit 1)**.

4. Under the terms of the plea, the DUI Manslaughter charge was nolle prosequere. **(The Florida Bar Exhibit 1)**.

5. On or about December 10, 2024, in the State of Florida v. Richard Daniel Dorfman, Case No. No. 50-2023-CF-007041-AXXX-MB, the trial court entered an order of judgment and adjudicated respondent guilty of Vehicular Homicide, second degree felony. **(The Florida Bar Exhibit 2)**.

6. Pursuant to R. Regulating Fla. Bar 3-7.2(a)(1), a judgment of guilt “includes only those cases in which the trial court in the criminal proceedings enters an order adjudicating the respondent guilty of the offense(s) charged.”

7. Pursuant to R. Regulating Fla. Bar 3-7.2(a)(3), a convicted lawyer “means a lawyer who has had either a determination or judgment of guilt entered by the trial court in the criminal proceeding.”

8. In this case, a judgment of guilt as to respondent was made in State of Florida v. Richard Daniel Dorfman, Case No. No. 50-2023-CF-007041-AXXX-MB and pursuant to R. Regulating Fla. Bar 3-7.2 this

judgment 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 Rule 4-8.4(b) (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.) of the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar;

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

C. Ordering the respondent to provide a copy of the suspension order to all clients, opposing counsel, and courts before which respondent is counsel of record as required by Rule Regulating The Florida Bar 3-5.1(h);

D. Ordering the respondent to provide staff counsel with the affidavit required by Rule Regulating The Florida Bar 3-5.1(h) listing all clients, counsel, and courts 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 Rule Regulating The Florida Bar 3-7.2(h).

Respectfully submitted,



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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 Richard Daniel Dorfman, Respondent at rick@dorfmanesq.com; and that a copy has been provided by United States Mail via certified mail No. 9589 0710 5270 0174 6828 87, return receipt requested to Richard Daniel Dorfman, whose record bar address is 7928 Chula Vista Cres, Boca Raton, FL 33433-4103, and via email to Joi L Pearsall, jpearsall@floridabar.org, on this 13th day of December, 2024.



Joi L Pearsall, Bar Counsel

NOTICE OF TRIAL COUNSEL AND DESIGNATION OF PRIMARY EMAIL ADDRESS

The trial counsel in this matter is Joi L Pearsall, Bar Counsel, whose address, telephone number and primary email address are The Florida Bar, Ft. Lauderdale Branch Office, Lake Shore Plaza II, 1300 Concord Terrace, Ste. 130, Sunrise FL 33323, (954) 835-0233 and jpearsall@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@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).