

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

THE FLORIDA BAR,

Complainant,

v.

CHRISTOPHER ANDREW
FLEITES,

Respondent.

Supreme Court Case
No.

The Florida Bar File
No. 2024-70,252(11I)

COMPLAINT

The Florida Bar, complainant, files this Complaint against Christopher Andrew Fleites, respondent, pursuant to the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar and alleges:

1. The respondent is and, at all times relevant to this matter was, a member of The Florida Bar admitted on September 24, 2015 and is subject to the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of Florida.
2. Respondent's record bar address was in Miami-Dade County, Florida, at all times relevant to this matter.
3. The Judicial Grievance Committee 11I found probable cause to file this complaint under Rule 3-7.4 of the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar, and the presiding member of that committee approved this complaint.

4. On November 24, 2023, respondent sent an email to The Honorable Judge Jose M. Rodriguez, on which he copied multiple unrelated parties. In the email, respondent impugned the qualifications and/or integrity of Judge Rodriguez as follows:

“Good Evening Your disHonor,

Here is a partial record of your lies and impartiality. How is your retirement going -compromised liar and now administrative judiciary?

Please remind me and everyone that has read this and might read this and all of your other statement why you continue to choose to be employed by the State in an office of integrity? Or the lies of your Bailiff Jeff and you [sic] JA?”

5. Respondent attached the following documents to his email: Plaintiff’s Emergency Motion for Court to Reconsider Its Order on Defendant’s Motion to Dismiss dated November 17, 2017, a transcript on a hearing for Defendant’s Motion to Dismiss held on November 3, 2017, an Order on Motion to Dismiss Complaint dated November 14, 2017, and a copy of Florida Statute 119.12 (Attorney fees).

6. None of the attached documents provided an objectively reasonable, factual basis for respondent’s attacks on Judge Rodriguez’s qualifications and/or integrity.

7. From the commencement of this bar grievance, respondent has continued to send e-mails to The Florida Bar and others in which he impugned Judge Rodriguez's qualifications and/or integrity, as well as made disparaging comments regarding The Florida Bar, its procedures, and this disciplinary case. Respondent has engaged in harassing and abusive tactics in his attempt to impede the bar's prosecution of this matter, including publishing photographs and contact information of all grievance committee members, the designated reviewer, and bar staff; and continuing to refer to Judge Rodriguez as a liar. These communications have become increasingly abusive, as demonstrated by the September 28, 2024 email in which respondent personally attacked bar counsel.

8. By reason of the foregoing, respondent has violated the following Rules Regulating The Florida Bar: Rules 4-8.2(a) (Impugning Qualifications and Integrity of Judges or Other Officers) and 4-8.4(d) (Misconduct involving Conduct Prejudicial to the Administration of Justice) and Oath of Admission to The Florida Bar.

The Florida Bar respectfully requests that this Court appropriately discipline the respondent under the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar.



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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 , at fleitesq@gmail.com; and that a copy has been provided by United States Mail via certified mail No. 7020 1810 0000 0813 5147, return receipt requested to , whose record bar address is and via email to William Wonil Chung, Bar Counsel, wchung@floridabar.org, on this 9th day of October, 2024.



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NOTICE OF TRIAL COUNSEL AND DESIGNATION OF PRIMARY EMAIL ADDRESS

The trial counsel in this matter is William Wonil Chung, Bar Counsel, whose address, telephone number and primary email address are The Florida Bar, Miami Branch Office, Ste. M100, Rivergate Plaza 444 Brickell Ave. Miami FL 33131, (305) 377-4445 and wchung@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, 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).

MANDATORY ANSWER NOTICE

RULE REGULATING THE FLORIDA BAR 3-7.6(h)(2) PROVIDES THAT A RESPONDENT MUST ANSWER A COMPLAINT.