

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

THE FLORIDA BAR,

Petitioner,

v.

AGUSTIN JOSEPH BENITEZ,

Respondent.

Supreme Court Case
No.

The Florida Bar File
No. 2026-30,890(19A)(CIS)

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PETITION FOR INTERIM SUSPENSION

The Florida Bar (the bar) files this petition seeking the interim suspension of Agustin Joseph Benitez, Attorney No. 119479, from the practice of law in Florida under Florida R. Regulating Fla. Bar 3-5.3 and states:

1. Agustin Joseph Benitez (respondent) is a member of The Florida Bar, admitted on September 30, 2015.
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 currently is a member in good standing.
4. Respondent was arrested on May 7, 2026, for Grand Theft

(Motor Vehicle). A copy of the arrest affidavit is attached as “Exhibit A.”¹

5. On May 21, 2026, respondent was charged by Information with Grand Theft (Motor Vehicle), a third-degree felony. A copy of the charging document is attached as “Exhibit B.”

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

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

8. The above charges reflect adversely on respondent’s fitness to practice law.

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.

¹ The Florida Bar was only provided with a redacted copy of Exhibit A.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that this Petition for Interim Suspension 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 Agustin Rafael Benitez, Counsel for Respondent, at gus@arbenitez.com; and that a copy has been provided by United States Mail via Certified Mail No. 9589 0710 5270 2542 8408 68, return receipt requested, to Agustin Rafael Benitez, whose record bar address is 1223 E. Concord Street, Orlando, FL 32803-5408; and via email to Patricia Ann Toro Savitz, Staff Counsel, at psavitz@floridabar.org, on this 6th day of July, 2026.



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NOTICE OF DESIGNATION OF PRIMARY EMAIL ADDRESS

Bar counsel in this matter is Edward Charles Park, Bar Counsel, whose address, telephone number and primary email address are The Florida Bar, Orlando Branch Office, The Gateway Center, 1000 Legion Place, Suite 1625, Orlando FL 32801, (407) 425-5424 and epark@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.

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 MUST ANSWER A COMPLAINT.