

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA
(Before a Referee)

THE FLORIDA BAR,
Complainant,

v.

LESLIE ANN FERDERIGOS,
Respondent.

Supreme Court Case
No. SC22-1353

The Florida Bar File
Nos. 2022-30,099 (09C); 2022-
30,190 (09C); and 2022-30,683
(09C)

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REPORT OF REFEREE

I. SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

Pursuant to the undersigned being duly appointed as referee to conduct disciplinary proceedings herein according to Rule 3-7.6, Rules of Discipline, the following proceedings occurred:

On October 13, 2022, The Florida Bar filed its Complaint against Respondent. A case management conference was held on November 9, 2023 and a Final Hearing is set for June 6-8, 2023.

On March 8, 2023, respondent submitted a Petition for Permanent Retirement to The Florida Bar. On March 10, 2023, the Executive Director of The Florida Bar accepted respondent's Petition for Permanent Retirement. Based upon the acceptance of respondent's petition, the bar moved for dismiss of this case as moot. On March 16, 2023, this court

entered an order dismissing this case. All items properly filed including pleadings and the report of referee constitute the record in this case and are forwarded to the Supreme Court of Florida.

II. FINDINGS OF FACT AND RECOMMENDATION

After considering all the pleadings before me including the bar's Motion to Dismiss, I recommend that this case be dismissed as respondent is permanently retired and is no longer eligible to practice law in Florida. Pursuant to Rule 1-3.5 of the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar, respondent is ineligible for reinstatement or readmission to The Florida Bar. In pertinent part, the rule provides as follows:

"...A member who seeks and is approved to permanently retire shall not be eligible for reinstatement or readmission. A retired member shall be entitled to receive such other privileges as the board of governors may authorize." See Rule 1-3.5, (R. Reg. Fl. Bar, 2019-2021). Each party shall bear its own costs.

Dated this 16th day of March, 2023.


Ellen S. Masters, Referee

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