

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

THE FLORIDA BAR,

Complainant,

v.

FRANCIS W. BLANKNER,

Respondent.

CASE NO. 63,230

(09A83C09)

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SID J. WHITE
CLERK SUPREME COURT

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PETITION FOR REVIEW

COMES NOW, The Florida Bar, and files this Petition for Review pursuant to Fla. Bar Integr. Rule, art. XI, Rule 11.09(3)(a), and says:

1. The Bar petitions this Court for a review of the referee's report dated May 23, 1983, and especially Section IV wherein he recommends that the respondent be publicly reprimanded and suspended for a period of two months with automatic reinstatement at the end of the suspension as provided in Rule 11.10(4).

2. The referee recommends finding violations of Disciplinary Rules 1-102(A)(4) and 1-102(A)(6) of The Florida Bar's Code of Professional Responsibility and Rule 11.02(3)(a) of the Integration Rule of The Florida Bar.

3. At its July, 1983 meeting, the Board of Governors of The Florida Bar approved the referee's findings of fact and recommendations of guilt. However, they voted to petition this Court for a review of the referee's recommended disciplinary measures and to seek a suspension from the practice of law for a period of one year, to require proof of rehabilitation, and payment of costs. Such costs

now total \$698.13. The Board believes the recommended discipline is erroneous and unjustified under the circumstances surrounding this case.

WHEREFORE, The Florida Bar prays this Honorable Court will review the referee's report and record in this proceeding and approve the referee's findings of fact and recommendations of guilt, but reject his recommendation of discipline as noted hereinbefore in paragraph 1 and order, instead, that respondent be suspended from the practice of law for a period of one year, receive a public reprimand, and that he be taxed costs now totaling \$698.13, with interest accruing at the legal rate 30 days after this Court's order becomes final.

Respectfully submitted,

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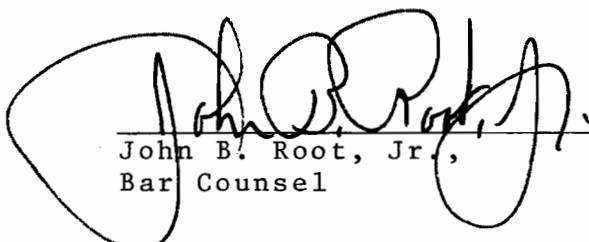
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the original of the foregoing Petition for Review has been furnished by mail to the Clerk of the Supreme Court, Supreme Court Building, Tallahassee, Florida 32301; a copy of the foregoing Petition for Review has been furnished by mail to Harrison T. Slaughter, Jr., Counsel for Respondent, at 605 East Robinson Street, Post Office Box 1980, Orlando, Florida 32802; a copy of the foregoing Petition for Review has been furnished by mail to Staff Counsel, The Florida Bar, Tallahassee, Florida 32301 on this 27th day of July, 1983.



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