

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

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THE FLORIDA BAR,
Complainant,
v.
ARNOLD SAPHIRSTEIN,
Respondent.

CONFIDENTIAL

CASE NUMBER

TFB CASE NUMBER 17F83134

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Chief Deputy Clerk

AMENDED PETITION TO APPROVE CONDITIONAL GUILTY PLEA

COMES NOW, The Florida Bar, Complainant, by and through as undersigned counsel, pursuant to Florida Bar Integration Rule, article XI, Rule 11.13(6)(a) and petitions this honorable Court for the entry of an order approving the attached conditional guilty plea in accordance with the terms thereof and says:

1. On or about April 16, 1984, the Respondent Arnold Saphirstein executed a conditional guilty plea in the above referenced matter. A copy of the conditional guilty plea (the original of which was attached to the Bar's initial petition for approval of conditional guilty plea filed previously in this case) is attached hereto and incorporated herein as exhibit A.

2. By signing the attached conditional guilty plea, the Respondent has agreed to be disciplined by a Public Reprimand and to pay the costs incurred by The Florida Bar in connection with the prosecution of the referenced case which amount to \$213.25, as evidenced by the affidavit as to cost (the original of which was attached to the Bar's initial petition for approval of conditional guilty plea and entry of final order of discipline), a copy of which is attached as exhibit B, in return for a guilty plea acknowledging violations of Disciplinary Rules 2-110(a), to wit: improper withdrawal from representation and 6-101(A)(3) to wit: neglecting a legal matter.

3. On December 9, 1983, The Florida Bar Grievance Committee "F" of the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit found probable cause that the Respondent had violated Disciplinary Rules 2-110(A) and 6-101(A)(3) of The Florida Bar Code of Professional Responsibility.

4. On May 19, 1984, the Board of Governors of The Florida Bar at its Daytona Beach, Florida meeting voted to accept and recommend to this Court the approval of Respondent's conditional guilty plea.

5. Respondent is currently practicing law in Plantation, Florida, is 34 years of age and was admitted to the practice of law in Florida December 18, 1975. The Respondent's only prior record of disciplinary activity in the State of Florida is reported in The

Florida Bar v. Saphirstein, 376 So.2d 7 (Fla. 1979), wherein he was suspended from the practice of law for a period of 60 days for attempting to influence a referee in a then pending disciplinary matter.

WHEREFORE, The Florida Bar respectfully requests this Court to approve the attached conditional guilty plea for consent judgment and enter a final order of discipline consistent with the terms of the plea, whereby the following discipline shall be imposed:

A. That the Respondent, Arnold Saphirstein, shall receive a public reprimand from this Court to be published in the Southern Reporter, and

B. That Respondent be ordered to pay the costs incurred by The Florida Bar in the prosecution of this case in the amount of \$213.25, said cost to be paid with thirty (30) days of this Court's final order.

Respectfully submitted,



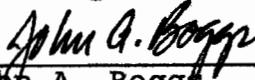
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished to Arnold Saphirstein, Respondent, 201 North University Drive, Suite 114, Plantation, Florida 33324, by regular U.S. Mail this 13th day of July, 1984.



John A. Boggs