

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

THE FLORIDA BAR,

Complainant,

v.

JEFFREY L. MELDON,

Respondent.

Supreme Court Case No. 65,443

TFB File No. NFC84002

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PETITION TO DENY, MODIFY OR TERMINATE PROPOSED SUSPENSION

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

Jeffrey L. Meldon petitions this Court to deny, modify, or terminate the suspension proposed by the Florida Bar of his right to practice law. In support of his petition Meldon says:

1. On June 12, 1984, the Florida Bar filed a Notice of Felony Conviction notifying this Court of a conviction entered against Jeffrey L. Meldon by the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida, Jacksonville Division.

2. Meldon should not be suspended from the practice of law because the conviction which was the subject of the Florida Bar's Notice of Felony Conviction was not for a felony, but was for a misdemeanor.

3. If it be determined that Meldon was indeed convicted of a felony, good cause exists to modify or terminate the proposed suspension because:

(a) Meldon did not plead to and was not convicted of any offense involving moral turpitude.

(b) Meldon's plea was a bargained "plea of convenience" motivated by overwhelming financial and emotional pressures incident to trial on the charge against him.

(c) Meldon's offense, felony or not, warrants no more than a public reprimand and probation.

(d) Suspension of Meldon from the practice of law would preclude socially beneficial community service in which

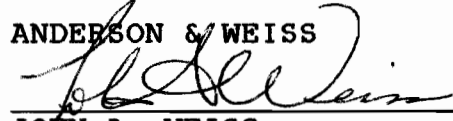
Meldon is engaged, both in discharge of the conditions of his probation and voluntarily as a matter of social and professional responsibility.

(e) Meldon has had an exemplary record as a practicing attorney during a period of years since the events and associations underlying his conviction.

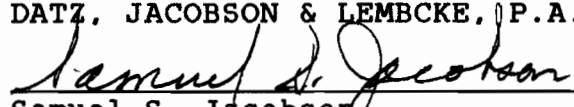
(f) Meldon has an admirable record of professional and civic contribution over the course of his adult life.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true copy of the foregoing Response to Notice of Felony Conviction was mailed to John F. Harkness, Jr., Executive Director, The Florida Bar, Tallahassee, Florida 32301 and to John L. Berry, Staff Counsel, The Florida Bar, Tallahassee, Florida 32301 on this 21st day of June, 1984.

  
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Attorney