

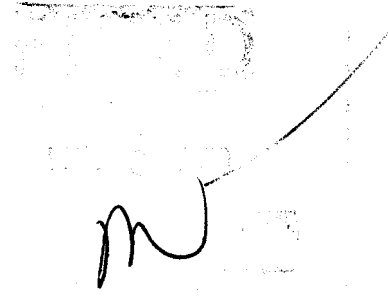
IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

THE FLORIDA BAR,  
Complainant,

Case No. 71,347  
and 72,258

v.

JAMES L. DIAMOND,  
Respondent.



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Reply Brief of Complainant and  
Answer Brief of Complainant On  
Cross-Petition for Review

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INTRODUCTION

The Florida Bar, Complainant, will be referred to as the "the Bar" or "The Florida Bar". James L. Diamond, Respondent, will be referred to as "Mr. Diamond" or "Respondent".

POINT ON APPEAL

POINT I

WHETHER THE RULES REGULATING THE FLORIDA  
BAR PROVIDE FOR AUTOMATIC REINSTATEMENT  
WHERE A SUSPENSION EXCEEDS NINETY DAYS?

ARGUMENT

I

THE RULES REGULATING THE FLORIDA BAR DO  
NOT PROVIDE FOR AUTOMATIC REINSTATEMENT  
WHERE A SUSPENSION EXCEEDS NINETY DAYS  
(RESTATED)<sup>1</sup>

Respondent urges this Court to order that he be automatically reinstated at the termination of his suspension. The Rules Regulating The Florida Bar unequivocally provide that a suspension of more than ninety days shall require proof of rehabilitation. Rule 3-5.1(e). Rehabilitation must be proven at the termination of the suspension, not at the beginning. Rule 3-7.9(b) see The Florida Bar in Re Charles K. Inglis, 471 So.2d 38 (Fla. 1985). This issue was expressly addressed in The Florida Bar v. Musleh, 453 So.2d 795 (Fla. 1984) where the foregoing analysis was upheld.

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<sup>1</sup>This argument is in response to Respondent's third point on appeal. The Florida Bar will rely on its initial brief regarding the remaining arguments.

CONCLUSION

Based upon the foregoing reasons and citations of authority, The Florida Bar respectfully submits that the Referee erroneously imposed a three year suspension, and would urge this court to disbar the Respondent.



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