

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA  
(Before a Referee)

IN RE:

CASE NO. 72,023

Petition for Reinstatement

The Florida Bar Case No.  
88-50,837 (FRE 17C)

of RONALD E. KAY.

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REPORT OF REFEREE

CLERK, SUPREME COURT  
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Deputy Clerk

THIS matter came on to be heard before the undersigned as a duly appointed referee on the Petition of Ronald E. Kay for reinstatement under Rule 3-7.9 of the Rules of Discipline.

The undersigned, after having heard the testimony of petitioner, witnesses, examining numerous exhibits, hearing argument of counsel and being otherwise duly advised in the premises, makes the following report:

I. Summary of Proceedings

Parties' Attorneys

Appearing for The Florida Bar: Jacquelyn P. Needelman,  
Bar Counsel

Appearing for the Petitioner: Lance J. Thibideau

The final hearing was held in this cause on October 10, 1988, October 11, 1988 and October 24, 1988.

II. Findings of Fact

Petitioner has demonstrated, by clear and convincing evidence that he has been rehabilitated and that he is presently fit to be reinstated to membership in The Florida Bar.

III. Conclusions and Recommendations

I recommend that Ronald E. Kay's Petition for Reinstatement be granted with the following conditions:

A. That Ronald E. Kay obtain psychological or psychiatric counseling. Said counseling shall be on a minimum of a one (1) hour per week basis for a period of one (1) year and thereafter until motion is made to the Supreme Court of Florida for release from counseling and an Order of Determination entered by the the Supreme Court of Florida.

B. That Ronald E. Kay enroll in and successfully complete a professional ethics course at an accredited college of law, which one (1) year of the date of his readmission.

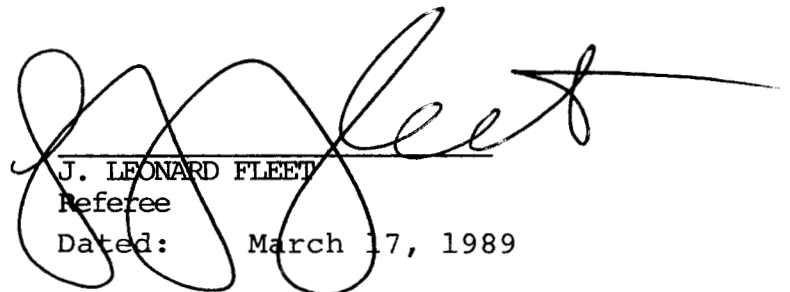
C. That Ronald E. Kay shall be placed on probation for a period of three (3) years during which time he shall file reports on a quarterly basis with a supervising attorney designated by The Florida Bar.

D. That during the term of Ronald E. Kay's probation as outlined in paragraph III C hereof he shall abstain completely from the use of alcohol or any controlled substance.

E. That during the time of Ronald E. Kay's probation as outlined in paragraph III C hereof he shall not take any prescribed medication unless same is prescribed by a medical doctor licensed in the State of Florida and is prescribed for the treatment of a special identifiable illness.

IV. Recommendation as to the manner in which costs should be taxed

I recommend that the costs of these proceedings be taxed against the Respondent in the amount of \$5,735.75 minus the deposit of \$500.00, for a total of \$5,238.75

  
J. LEONARD FLEET  
Referee  
Dated: March 17, 1989

Copies furnished to:

Jacquelyn P. Needelman, Bar Counsel  
Lance J. Thibideau, Attorney for Petitioner