

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA
(Before a Referee)

THE FLORIDA BAR,

Complainant,

Case No. SC07-636

v.

TFB File No. 2005-00,868(2B)

RICHARD ERIC JOHNSON,

Respondent.

REPORT OF THE REFEREE ACCEPTING CONSENT JUDGMENT

I. SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

Pursuant to the undersigned being duly appointed as referee to conduct disciplinary proceedings herein according to Rule 37.6, Rules of Discipline, the following proceedings occurred:

On April 9, 2007, The Florida Bar filed its Complaint and Request for Admissions in these proceedings. All of the aforementioned pleadings, responses thereto, exhibits received in evidence, and this Report constitute the record in this case and are forwarded to the Supreme Court of Florida.

II. FINDINGS OF FACT

After considering all the pleadings and evidence before me, including the Conditional Guilty Plea for Consent Judgment, I adopt the facts and findings in the

Consent Judgment. The Conditional Guilty Plea for Consent Judgment and the Complaint are attached hereto and incorporated herein.

III. RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO GUILT

I adopt the recommendation of Bar Counsel and in the Conditional Guilty Plea For Consent Judgment.

IV. RECOMMENDATION AS TO DISCIPLINARY MEASURES TO BE APPLIED

I recommend that Respondent be given a Public Reprimand to be administered by the Board of Governors of The Florida Bar.

V. PERSONAL HISTORY AND PAST DISCIPLINARY RECORD

Prior to recommending discipline pursuant to Rule 3-7.6(k)(1), I considered the following personal history of Respondent, to wit:

Age: 52
Date admitted to the Bar: April 25, 1991
Prior Discipline: None

VI. STATEMENT OF COSTS AND MANNER IN WHICH COSTS SHOULD BE TAXED

I find the following costs were reasonably incurred by The Florida Bar:

Administrative Costs, pursuant to to Rule 3-7.6(q)(1)(I), Rules of Discipline	\$ 1,250.00
Bar Counsel Travel Expenses	162.94
Investigative Costs and Expenses	51.30
Photocopying Costs	45.15
TOTAL	\$ 1,509.27

It is recommended that such costs be charged to Respondent and that interest at the statutory rate shall accrue. If the cost judgment is not satisfied within thirty days of any final disciplinary Order and upon proof of same, Respondent shall be deemed delinquent and ineligible to practice law, pursuant to R. Regulating Fla. Bar 1-3.6, unless otherwise deferred by the Board of Governors of The Florida Bar.

Dated this 22nd day of JUNE, 2007.

/S/ JOHN M. ALEXANDER
The Honorable John Alexander
Circuit Judge/Referee

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the original of the foregoing Report of Referee has been mailed to THE HONORABLE THOMAS D. HALL, Clerk, Supreme Court of Florida, Supreme Court Building, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1927, and that copies were furnished by regular U.S. Mail to KENNETH LAWRENCE MARVIN, Staff Counsel, The Florida Bar, 651 E. Jefferson Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2300; ARNE CARL VANSTRUM, Bar Counsel, The Florida Bar, 651 E. Jefferson Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2300; and RICHARD ERIC JOHNSON, c/o Joseph A. Corsmeier, Respondent' Counsel, whose record Bar address is 4625 East Bay Drive, Suite 110, Clearwater, FL 33764-6866, on this 22nd day of JUNE, 2007.

/S/ JOHN M. ALEXANDER
The Honorable John Alexander, Referee