

Supreme Court of Florida

FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 2005

CASE NO.: SC05-544

Lower Tribunal No.: 2004-00,757(1A)

THE FLORIDA BAR

vs. MICHAEL JAMES VALEN

Complainant

Respondent

The Florida Bar having filed on March 28, 2005, Notice of Determination or Judgment of Guilt showing that Michael James Valen has been convicted of a felony by the Circuit Court of the First Judicial Circuit in and for Escambia County, Florida, and the above-named attorney having failed to file a petition with the Court requesting modification or termination of the suspension, Michael James Valen is automatically suspended from The Florida Bar pursuant to 3-7.2(e) of the Rules Regulating the Florida Bar, and it is further

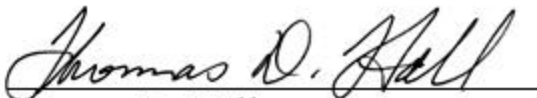
ORDERED that this suspension shall be effective thirty (30) days from the date of this order so that respondent can close out his practice and protect the interests of existing clients. If respondent notifies this Court in writing that he is no longer practicing and does not need the thirty (30) days to protect existing clients, this Court will enter an order making the suspension effective immediately. Respondent shall accept no new business from the date this order is filed until the suspension expires.

See Rule 3-5.1(g) of the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar.

Not final until time expires to file motion for rehearing, and if filed, determined.
The filing of a motion for rehearing shall not alter the effective date of this suspension.

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Test:



Thomas D. Hall

Clerk, Supreme Court



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Served:

JOHN ANTHONY BOGGS

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OLIVIA PAIVA KLEIN