

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA
(Before a Referee)

THE FLORIDA BAR,

CASE NO. SC09-1123

Complainant,

TFB NOS. 2008-11,157(6E)

2008-11,213(6E)

v.

2008-11,304(6E)

2009-10,119(6E)

LESLIE DENISE FORTUNE,

2009-10,263(6E)

2009-10,269(6E)

Respondent.

2009-10,125(6E)

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REPORT OF REFEREE

I. Summary of Proceedings: On June 24, 2009, The Florida Bar brought a disciplinary action against Respondent. On July 7, 2009, the undersigned was duly appointed as referee to conduct disciplinary proceedings. On July 28, 2009, Respondent signed a Disbarment on Consent. Any pleadings, notices, motions, orders, transcripts, and exhibits are forwarded to The Supreme Court of Florida with this report and constitute the record in this case.

The following attorneys appeared as counsel for the parties:

For The Florida Bar: Maria L. Torres

For The Respondent: Pro Se

II. Findings of Fact as to Each Item of Misconduct With Which the Respondent Is Charged: After considering all the pleadings and evidence before me, pertinent portions of which are commented on below, I find that the facts set forth in the Disbarment on Consent are admitted. A copy of the Disbarment on Consent is attached hereto and incorporated herein.

III. Recommendations as to Whether or Not the Respondent Should Be Found Guilty: I make the following recommendations as to guilt or innocence: I recommend Respondent be found guilty of all rule violations as set forth in the Disbarment on Consent.

IV. Recommendation as to Disciplinary Measures to Be Applied: Pursuant to the Disbarment on Consent, I recommend that Respondent be disbarred for a period of five years.

V. Statement of Costs and Manner in Which Costs Should Be Taxed: Pursuant to the Disbarment on Consent, The Florida Bar waived administrative costs in these disciplinary proceedings.

Dated this _____ day of August, 2009.

Nick Nazaretian, Referee

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