

# Supreme Court of Florida

FRIDAY, JUNE 17, 2011

CASE NO.: SC11-241

Lower Tribunal No(s): 2010-00,420(2B)

THE FLORIDA BAR

vs. RICHARD EDWARD BENTON

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Complainant(s)

Respondent(s)

The uncontested report of the referee is approved and respondent is suspended from the practice of law for forty days, effective thirty 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 days to protect existing clients, this Court will enter an order making the suspension effective immediately. Respondent shall fully comply with Rule Regulating the Florida Bar 3-5.1(g). In addition, respondent shall accept no new business from the date this order is filed until he is reinstated.

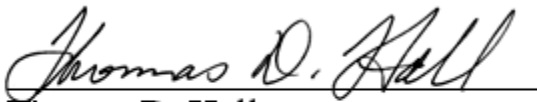
Respondent is further directed to attend the next scheduled session of Ethics School held in his geographical area under the terms and conditions set forth in the report and the consent judgment.

Judgment is entered for The Florida Bar, 651 East Jefferson Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2300, for recovery of costs from Richard Edward Benton in the amount of \$1,300.00, for which sum let execution issue.

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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Thomas D. Hall

Clerk, Supreme Court



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Served:

KENNETH LAWRENCE MARVIN  
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RICHARD EDWARD BENTON  
HON. FREDERICK L. KOBERLEIN, JUDGE