

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA
(Before a Referee)

THE FLORIDA BAR

Case No. SC06-1758
TFB File No. 2007-00,316(4D)NRE

IN RE:
PETITION FOR REINSTATEMENT OF
RAYMOND I. BOOTH, III,

Petitioner.

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REPORT OF THE REFEREE

I. SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

Pursuant to the undersigned being duly appointed as referee to hear, conduct, try, and determine matters presented in this case. The Florida Bar announced its intention to stipulate to the reinstatement of Petitioner, Raymond I. Booth, III. The pleadings, notices, motions, orders, transcripts, and exhibits, all of which are forwarded to the Supreme Court of Florida, constitute the record in this case.

The following attorneys appeared as counsel for the parties: For The Florida Bar: ,James N. Watson, Jr. Esquire; For the Petitioner: Richard A. Greenberg, Esquire.

II. FINDINGS OF FACT AS TO EACH CRITERIA FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF REINSTATEMENT

After considering all of the pleadings and evidence before me, as well as the joint stipulation, I find as follows as to the criteria for reinstatement as outlined in, In re: Inglis, 471 So.2d 38 (Fla. 1985):

1. The Petitioner has never expressed any malice towards those involved in bringing the previous disciplinary proceedings or towards The Florida Bar.

2. The Petitioner has complied with the conditions required for reinstatement as provided for within the prior disciplinary order.

III. RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO WHETHER OR NOT PETITIONER SHOULD BE REINSTATED TO THE PRACTICE OF LAW IN FLORIDA:

Having carefully reviewed the Petition for Reinstatement, the prior order placing Petitioner on the inactive list, the comments of counsel, and the joint stipulation of the parties, I find that Petitioner has established his fitness to practice law in Florida.

I recommend that Petitioner's Petition for Reinstatement be granted upon the following conditions:

1. That Petitioner be placed on probation for a period of two years upon being reinstated to the practice of law by order of the Supreme Court of Florida.

2. That Petitioner shall contact Florida Lawyers Assistance, Inc., within 30 days of the date of the order of reinstatement, and enter into a rehabilitation contract for a period of two years. A condition of this contract should require Petitioner to have close professional monitoring in a facilitated professionals group or in individual therapy with a Florida Lawyers Assistance, Inc., approved provider as set forth in Petitioner's evaluation.

3. That Petitioner shall comply with the terms of the Florida Lawyers Assistance, Inc., rehabilitation contract and shall be responsible for any fees incurred for

monitoring such contract. Petitioner has acknowledged such fees may include, but not be limited to, a registration fee of \$250 and a probation monitoring fee of \$100 a month. These fees shall be remitted to The Florida Bar's headquarters office no later than the end of each respective month in which the monitoring fee is due.

IV. PERSONAL HISTORY AND PAST DISCIPLINARY RECORD

Age: 52 years old

Dated admitted to the Bar: October 31, 1986

Prior Discipline: None

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

I find the following costs were reasonably incurred:

Administrative Costs, pursuant to Rule 3-7.10(m)(1)(I), Rules of Discipline	\$ 1,250.00
Legal Advertisement Costs	633.59
Investigative Costs and Expenses	<u>900.41</u>
Subtotal	2,784.00
LESS Cost deposit	<u>-500.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 2,284.00

It is apparent that other costs have or may be incurred. It is recommended that all such costs and expenses, together with the foregoing itemized costs, be charged to Petitioner, and that interest at the statutory rate shall accrue and be payable beginning 30 days after the judgment of this case becomes final unless deferred by the Board of Governors of The Florida Bar.

DATED this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Margaret W. Hudson, Circuit Judge/Referee
Volusia County Courthouse
101 N. Alabama Street
Deland, Florida 32724-4316

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the original of the foregoing Report of the Referee regarding Supreme Court Case No. SC06-1758, TFB File No. 2007-00,316(4D)NRE, has been furnished by regular U.S. mail to The Honorable Thomas D. Hall, Clerk, Supreme Court of Florida, 500 South Duval Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1927; Kenneth Lawrence Marvin, Staff Counsel, The Florida Bar, 651 E. Jefferson Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2300; James N. Watson, Jr., Bar Counsel, The Florida Bar, 651 E. Jefferson Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2300; and Raymond I. Booth, III, Petitioner, c/o Richard A. Greenberg, Counsel for Respondent, at his record Bar address of 215 South Monroe Street, Suite 130, Tallahassee, Florida 32301-1852, on this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Margaret W. Hudson, Circuit Judge/Referee