

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

THE FLORIDA BAR,

Complainant,

v.

JOHN PATRICK CONTINI,

Respondent.

Supreme Court Case  
No. SC-

The Florida Bar File  
No. 2019-50,025(17I)

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**PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF CONDITIONAL GUILTY PLEA FOR  
CONSENT JUDGMENT**

COMES NOW, The Florida Bar, by and through undersigned counsel, and respectfully requests this Court approve the Conditional Guilty Plea for Consent Judgment filed and attached as Exhibit A and says:

Respondent is, and at all times mentioned in the above-referenced disciplinary matter was, a member of The Florida Bar, subject to the jurisdiction and disciplinary rules of the Supreme Court of Florida.

1. Respondent tendered a Conditional Guilty Plea for Consent Judgment in this case prior to the filing of a formal complaint with the Supreme Court of Florida.

2. Pursuant to Rule 3-7.9 of the Rules of Discipline of The Florida Bar, Respondent's Consent Judgment has been approved by The Florida Bar.

3. The Bar's Statement of Costs is being filed with this petition.

WHEREFORE, The Florida Bar respectfully requests that respondent's Conditional Guilty Plea for Consent Judgment be accepted, the proposed discipline be imposed and the Bar be awarded costs.

Respectfully submitted,



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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that this document has been efiled with The Honorable John A. Tomasino, Clerk of the Supreme Court of Florida, with a copy provided to Respondent's Counsel, Fred Haddad, Esq., at Fred Haddad, PA 315 SE 7th Street, Ste. 301, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301-3158 via email at [haddadfm@aol.com](mailto:haddadfm@aol.com) and to Staff Counsel, The Florida Bar, via email at [aquintel@floridabar.org](mailto:aquintel@floridabar.org), on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018.



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**DISBARMENT ON CONSENT**

John Patrick Contini, Respondent, having been fully advised of his procedural rights under the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar, hereby tenders this Disbarment on Consent pursuant to Rule 3-7.9(e), Rules of Discipline, and says:

1. Respondent is and was at all times material herein a member of The Florida Bar and subject to the jurisdiction and disciplinary rules of the Supreme Court of Florida.

2. Respondent is currently the subject of the above referenced Florida Bar disciplinary matter which has been assigned The Florida Bar File No. 2019-50,025(17I). With regard to this pending file, Respondent waives his right to consideration by a Grievance Committee as provided for by Rule 3-7.4, Rules of Discipline, and hereby stipulates that probable cause for further disciplinary proceedings exists as to these matters.

3. The charges in the pending disciplinary case allege that Respondent served as a circuit court Judge in and for the 17th Judicial Circuit, in and for Broward County, Florida. In that capacity, Respondent caused inaccurate representations of his actual time spent in the performance of his judicial duties. Additionally, the Respondent utilized his judicial assistant to perform personal duties on his behalf which were excessive. Further, Respondent entered orders in certain matters without a sufficient basis to do so. Last, Respondent could have been more sympathetic toward some litigants, lawyers and court personnel.

4. Respondent admits that the foregoing allegations, if proven, would constitute a violation of the following Rules Regulating The Florida Bar: 4.8-4(d) Misconduct. A lawyer shall not engage in contact in connection with the practice of law that is prejudicial to the administration of justice, including to knowingly, or through callous indifference, disparage, humiliate, or discriminate against litigants, jurors, witnesses, court personnel, or other lawyers on any basis, including, but not limited to, on account of race, ethnicity, gender, religion, national origin, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, age, socioeconomic status, employment, or physical characteristic.

5. Respondent wishes to point out the following information. Respondent has served the community as an Assistant State Attorney for four years and as a Circuit Court Judge for three years. Additionally, the Respondent has

been very active in his church and bible studies group and rendered pro bono service to many in need. Although Respondent has admitted to personal behavior that at times could have been better, there are many clients who have come forth to state that Respondent has treated them with patience and kindness.

6. Pursuant to Rule 3-7.9(e) of the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar, Respondent hereby tenders a Disbarment on Consent wherein Respondent agrees to the following discipline:

Disbarment for five years.

7. Respondent agrees to pay all costs reasonably incurred by The Florida Bar in the investigation of the aforesaid matter within thirty (30) days of the entry of the Supreme Court's final order, plus interest at the prevailing statutory rate to accrue on all costs not paid within said time, unless time for payment is extended by the Board of Governors.

8. Respondent agrees that the costs indicated below have been incurred.

Administrative Fee	\$1,250.00
TOTAL	\$1,250.00

9. Respondent agrees that he will not attempt to discharge the obligation for the payment of the Bar's costs in any future proceedings, including but not limited to, a Petition for Bankruptcy.

10. Respondent agrees to reimburse the Client Security Fund (CSF) for any and all funds CSF has paid or may pay out for claims resulting from Respondent's misconduct.

11. Should this Disbarment on Consent not be approved by the Board of Governors of The Florida Bar and the Supreme Court of Florida, it and all the statements herein are void and of no effect whatsoever.

12. Respondent further agrees to submit his sworn financial affidavit to The Florida Bar on a form to be provided by the Bar within thirty (30) days of the signing of the instant Disbarment on Consent.

13. Respondent further agrees to keep The Florida Bar informed of his current mailing and physical address for two (2) years subsequent to the date of any resulting order in this cause.

14. Respondent agrees that upon signing this consent judgment, he will immediately cease transacting any client funds, begin to close out his practice and protect his existing clients and will not accept any new clients. He shall cease practicing law within thirty (30) days of the date of executing this document.

15. Respondent is represented by counsel in these proceedings and tenders this document freely and voluntarily.

Dated this 23 day of August, 2018.



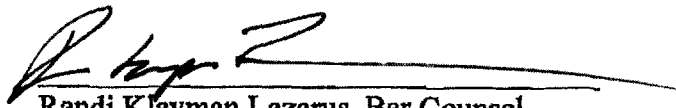
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