

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

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IN RE: Petition for Resignation
of Sidney C. Wood

CONFIDENTIAL

CASE NO.

The Florida Bar Case
No. FRS86002

67,623

PETITION FOR LEAVE TO RESIGN PERMANENTLY
WITHOUT LEAVE TO REAPPLY

SIDNEY C. WOOD, Petitioner, herein pursuant to Florida Bar Integration Rule, article XI, Rule 11.08(2) and (6), petitions this Court to accept his resignation without leave to reapply permanently and says:

1. Petitioner is and at all times hereinafter mentioned was a member of The Florida Bar subject to the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court, The Florida Bar Code of Professional Responsibility, and The Florida Bar Integration Rule.

2. Petitioner is 63 years old and has been a member of The Florida Bar since 1951.

3. Petitioner, Sidney C. Wood, has retained counsel in this matter and is acting freely and voluntarily with the advice and assistance of counsel.

4. The following constitutes a statement of all past and pending record disciplinary actions and criminal proceedings in which Petitioner has been a defendant.

Prior Discipline

5. In The Florida Bar v. Sidney C. Wood, Case No. 61,684, The Florida Bar Case No. 15B81F16, the Petitioner received a Public Reprimand on June 30, 1983, and was placed on probation for a period of one (1) year for violations of Florida Bar Integration Rule, article XI, Rules 11.02(3)(a) and 11.02(4), and

Disciplinary Rules 5-101(A), 5-104(A), 5-105(A) and 9-102.

Pending Discipline

6. The following matter is presently being investigated by The Florida Bar and is pending before the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit Grievance Committee C, Case No. 15C85F55, regarding allegations of violations of Disciplinary Rules 1-102(A)(1), (3), (6) and 9-102 of the Code of Professional Responsibility, and Florida Bar Integration Rule, article XI, Rules 11.02(3)(a) and (b). This matter concerns allegations of misappropriation of clients' funds from the Respondent's trust account in an amount exceeding \$100,000. The authenticity of certain client endorsement signatures on trust checks are also being investigated.

7. To date, the Petitioner has not had any criminal charges brought against him.

8. Due to the above-mentioned investigation, Sidney C. Wood, Petitioner, wishes to submit this Petition for Leave to Resign Permanently without Leave to Reapply.

9. Petitioner agrees to a waiver of confidentiality regarding this matter.

10. Petitioner agrees to cooperate with any Client Security Fund investigation conducted by The Florida Bar.

11. Petitioner agrees to make restitution to any client entitled to same.

12. Petitioner acknowledges that this Petition is without leave to apply for readmission permanently.

13. Petitioner understands that he would generally be liable for any costs incurred by The Florida Bar in prosecuting disciplinary proceedings against him. Therefore, the Petitioner is willing to reimburse The Florida Bar for the costs incurred to date in the disciplinary proceedings that are listed as pending in this petition. The costs incurred to date are:

Administrative Costs	\$150.00
Copying costs	26.00
Witness fee and costs of Service of Process	23.79
Costs and expenses of The Florida Bar's audit in this case	<u>2,108.93</u>
	\$2,308.72

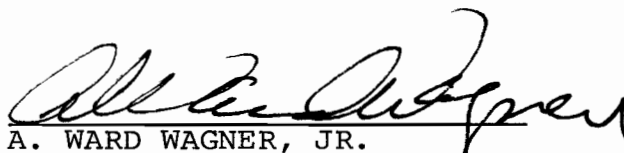
14. The granting of the instant Petition will cause no harm to the public or the administration of justice.

15. From the date of the signing of this instant Petition, Petitioner agrees not to disburse any monies from his trust account unless he can demonstrate to The Florida Bar that the funds will be disbursed for client purposes and that Respondent

WHEREFORE, Petitioner respectfully requests that:


1. This Court grant this Petition for Leave to Resign.
2. That this Court assess the costs incurred by The Florida Bar in the amount of \$2,308.72 against the Petitioner.
3. That Petitioner be required to furnish the Clerk of this Court, with a copy to Staff Counsel of The Florida Bar, an inventory of any pending files and a status report on each file.
4. That Petitioner be required to furnish a copy of this Court's Order granting his leave to resign to any of his clients, as well as an affidavit to Staff Counsel listing those clients to whom a copy was furnished.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing Petition was forwarded to Jacquelyn Plasner Needelman, Bar Counsel, Galleria Professional Building, 915 Middle River Drive, Suite 602, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33304, John F. Harkness, Jr., Executive Director, The Florida Bar, Tallahassee, Florida 32301-8226, on this 6th day of September, 1985.


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