

An email exchange between JS (Scott Johnson) and The Florida Bar wherein information is requested regarding Scot Strems Emergency License Suspension. This is a reference for a blog written June, 2020 regarding the Strems suspension and the reasons behind it.

Please read from the bottom up.

To: scott@johnsonstrategiesllc.com

From: Walker, Francine

The Florida Bar only prosecutes violations of the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar. You need to ask the State Attorney's office if the conduct listed in the petition is unlawful.

We will continue to prosecute this case for a final disciplinary order from the Supreme Court; emergency suspension is temporary. You can follow the case on the Supreme Court's case docket.

The Florida Bar's Find a Lawyer feature, on our website www.floridabar.org, lists public disciplinary history for members for the past 10 years (if there's any prior to 10 years ago, an email – lrinfo@floridabar.org -- is provided to request that information) and it also indicates if any disciplinary action is pending at the Supreme Court (which means the The Florida Bar has filed a formal complaint with the court listing rules violations we are charging). A consumer can also contact our Lawyer Regulation Department to learn if there are any public records available for pending cases (lrinfo@floridabar.org).

The Florida Bar's lawyer referral service and affiliated services in some of the larger counties require that members of the panel be a **Member In Good Standing with no pending probable cause complaints, and that they carry \$100,000 of professional liability insurance before they can begin receiving referrals.**

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Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 12:19 PM

To: Walker, Francine <fwalker@floridabar.org>

Subject: RE: Strems Emergency petition

Thank you for the prompt response.

Without regard to this specific case can you tell me if allegations of the type in the complaint are crimes and what, if anything, does the Bar association do in such cases beyond suspension or disbarment? I did not see this in the "Discipline Roadmap" it seems to end with a Supreme Court order.

Finally, is there any place for consumers who are thinking about hiring a lawyer to go, a central registry or online listing for example, that will tell them which attorneys may have received sanctions in the past and had cases dismissed because of dishonest, unethical or bad faith dealings with the courts?

Thanks for your thoughts on these two questions, particularly number two.

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From: Walker, Francine <fwalker@floridabar.org>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 12:05 PM
To: scott@johnsonstrategiesllc.com
Cc: Savitz, Patti A. <psavitz@floridabar.org>; Womack, John D <jwomack@floridabar.org>
Subject: RE: Strem's Emergency petition

Hello. The Florida Bar does not discuss pending disciplinary cases. You may quote from the petition as to the Bar's positions as to why we requested the emergency suspension as well as any additional filings that will be posted on the Supreme Court case docket and are public record.

If you have questions about the grievance process in Florida, please see [this infographic](#) and feel free to call me at 850-321-7846 to discuss.

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Subject: Strems Emergency petition

Hello: I sent the following email regarding the above petition to the attorneys handling the case and to the Fla. Bar Public information number. The latter generated a response to contact you for a "Prompt response."

Here is the email I sent to the attorneys for the bar on this case Cc'd above:

Attn. Patricia Ann Toro Savitz & John Derek Womack

Hello: I am an insurance consultant, author and citizen journalist reporting on Property & Casualty insurance issues in the state of Florida.

I'm working on an article regarding Mr. Scot Strems and have several questions regarding the attached petition. Are either of you someone I could speak with?

If not, if there is someone else with the Bar who can answer just a few questions could you put me in contact with them? I'm not on a specific deadline but would like to proceed to the writing phase by the middle of this week if at all possible. I'm available to do this in person or by phone, or via an email exchange if that is your preference.

Thanks so much for getting back to me at your earliest convenience and feel free to call if that's easier.

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