

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA
Supreme Court Case No.

IN RE: THE REINSTATEMENT OF:

SUZANNE MANDICH,

Petitioner.

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VERIFIED PETITION FOR REINSTATEMENT

Pursuant to Rule 3-7.10, Petitioner, Suzanne Mandich (hereafter "Petitioner"), respectfully petitions this Court for reinstatement to The Florida Bar from Petitioner's 91-day suspension from the practice of law by Order of this Court dated April 24, 2025 SC2025-0515 [attached hereto as **Ex. 1**], and as grounds therefore, Petitioner states the following:

1. This Petition is timely filed pursuant to Rule 3-7.10(b)(1), in that the Petitioner has completed at least 80% of Petitioner's term of suspension (i.e., 80% of the 91-day suspension period starting May 24, 2025 is August 5, 2025).

2. Petitioner respectfully submits that the following matters (as provided for in Rule 3-7.10(b)(2) and Rule 3-7.10(f)) in support of Petitioner's fitness to resume the practice of law:

A. Petitioner has no criminal judgments.

B. Petitioner has no civil judgments.

C. Petitioner has no new disciplinary judgments since the suspension was imposed by this Court's April 24, 2025 Order in SC2025-0515.

D. During the suspension period Petitioner has been employed by Best Buds Florist, LLC, which is a florist business that Petitioner and her husband started.

E. Petitioner timely paid the costs judgment in the amount of \$1,250.00 subject to this Court's April 24, 2025 Order in SC2025-0515, as confirmed by The Florida Bar's receipt of payment records attached hereto as **Ex. 2**.

F. Petitioner is scheduled to attend and complete the required Ethics School on October 30, 2025, as confirmed by The Florida Bar's email correspondence attached hereto as **Ex. 3**.

G. Petitioner has made positive social contributions since her suspension by volunteering at The Soup Kitchen, in Boynton Beach, Florida, as confirmed by The Soup Kitchen's correspondence attached hereto as **Ex. 4**.

H. Petitioner submits that she has not engaged in any disqualifying conduct (specified in Rule 3-7.10(f)(1)), that would

prohibit her reinstatement to The Florida Bar.

I. Petitioner submits that she now possesses the character and fitness (as outlined in Rule 3-7.10(f)(2)) to be reinstated to The Florida Bar.

J. Petitioner submits that she is rehabilitated (as outlined in Rule 3-7.10(f)(3)) from her past conduct subject to her suspension.

3. A Deposit for Cost, as provided for in Rule 3-7.10(c), is being submitted simultaneously to The Florida Bar.

4. Petitioner is personally and professionally highly embarrassed and earnestly remorseful for the conduct that precipitated the discipline. She expresses herein her sincerest and deepest regret and sorrow for having conducted herself in such an improper manner and represents that she fully and completely comprehends the serious nature of her transgressions. She offers her assurance that she has repented and rehabilitated herself to adhere to the highest standards of conduct and professional fitness expected and required by this Court and The Florida Bar in order to be deemed to be qualified to practice law in the state of Florida.

5. Petitioner will fully demonstrate, by clear and convincing evidence, that she has met all the reinstatement criteria set forth in Rule 3-7.10.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner respectfully requests that this Court enter an Order reinstating Petitioner's privilege to practice law in the state of Florida.

Verification

Under the penalties of perjury, I, Suzanne Mandich declare that the foregoing information subject to this Petition is true and accurate based on my personal knowledge.



Suzanne Mandich

Respectfully submitted,

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By: /s/ Herman J. Russomanno III
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing was served on August 6, 2025, to counsel of record below via email by and through the Court's e-portal filing system.

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s/ Herman J. Russomanno III

EXHIBIT 1

Supreme Court of Florida

THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2025

The Florida Bar,
Complainant(s)
v.

SC2025-0515
Lower Tribunal No(s).:
2024-50,583(11D)

Suzanne Mandich,
Respondent(s)

The Court hereby approves the conditional guilty plea and consent judgment for discipline under the stipulated terms below.

Stipulation

Respondent is suspended from the practice of law for ninety-one (91) days, effective 30 days from the date of this order so that respondent can close out respondent's practice and protect the interests of existing clients. If respondent notifies this Court in writing that respondent is no longer practicing and does not need the 30 days to protect existing clients, this Court will enter an order making the suspension effective immediately. Respondent must fully comply with Rule Regulating The Florida Bar 3-5.1(h). Respondent also must fully comply with Rule Regulating The Florida Bar 3-6.1, if applicable.

A. Respondent must immediately:

1. accept no new clients from the date of this order;
2. initiate no litigation on behalf of clients from the date of this order;
3. provide a copy of this suspension order to all courts, tribunals, or adjudicative agencies before which respondent is

counsel of record; all state, federal, or administrative bars of which respondent is a member; all clients; all co-counsel; and all opposing counsel, as required by Rule 3-5.1(h);

4. provide a copy of this suspension order to all banks and financial institutions where the respondent maintains any account holding funds of clients or third parties in respondent's possession in connection with representation; and

5. comply with, and provide all documents and testimony responsive to, a subpoena from the bar for trust account records and any related documents necessary for the bar to conduct a trust account audit.

B. Respondent must within 30 days from the date of this order:

1. cease all practice of law in Florida;

2. cease holding respondent out as a Florida Bar member or lawyer and eliminate all indicia of respondent's status as a Florida Bar member or lawyer on websites, social media, telephone listings, stationery, checks, business cards, office signs, email address, and any other indicia of respondent's status as a Florida Bar member or lawyer;

3. withdraw from representation of all clients;

4. wind down all pending matters;

5. cease withdrawing or disbursing any money from any trust account or other financial institution account holding funds of clients or third parties in respondent's possession in connection with legal representation;

6. not transfer any ownership of any real or personal property purchased in whole or in part with funds of clients or third parties in connection with legal representation;

7. provide the bar's headquarters office in Tallahassee with an affidavit listing all of the following that respondent notified of this suspension order: all courts, tribunals, or adjudicative agencies of which respondent is a member; all state, federal, or administrative bars of which respondent is a member; all clients; all co-counsel; all opposing counsel; and each bank or financial institution in which respondent maintains any account holding funds of clients or third parties in respondent's possession in connection with representation; and

8. provide the bar's headquarters office in Tallahassee with an affidavit listing the receipt and location of any fees or other sums received in connection with the practice of law received by respondent after issuance of this suspension order.

In addition, Respondent must attend Ethics School within 6 months of the date of this order. Respondent must pay all associated fees and costs within 30 days before attendance.

Respondent is further directed to comply with all other terms and conditions set forth in the consent judgment.

Judgment is entered for The Florida Bar, 651 East Jefferson Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2300, for recovery of costs from Suzanne Mandich in the amount of \$1,250.00, for which sum let execution issue. These disciplinary costs are not dischargeable in any future proceedings, including, but not limited to, a petition for bankruptcy. Respondent will be delinquent and ineligible to practice law if respondent does not satisfy the cost judgment within 30 days of this order, unless The Florida Bar Board of Governors defers payment.

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Not final until time expires to file motion for rehearing and, if filed, determined. The filing of a motion for rehearing will not alter the effective date of this suspension.

MUÑIZ, C.J., and CANADY, LABARGA, COURIEL, GROSSHANS, FRANCIS, and SASSO, JJ., concur.

A True Copy

Test:

SC2025-0515 4/24/2025


John A. Tomasino
Clerk, Supreme Court
SC2025-0515 4/24/2025



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Served:

AMANDA NICOLE HARRIS
PATRICIA ANN TORO SAVITZ
BRIAN LEE TANNEBAUM

EXHIBIT 2

THANK YOU!



THE FLORIDA BAR
MEMBER PORTAL

Suzanne Mandich
Customer Number: 0106179
0001237598
4/30/2025
\$2,000.00
Credit Card: Ending in 1009

Sold To:

Suzanne Mandich
Customer Number: 0106179
360 Columbia Dr Ste 100
West Palm Beach FL 33409-1976

Ship To:

Suzanne Mandich
Customer Number: 0106179
360 Columbia Dr Ste 100
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QUANTITY	ITEM	SALE PRICE	SUBTOTAL	LINE TOTAL
1	Professional Workshop Fees	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00
1	LR Disciplinary Costs	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00

Total Items \$2,000.00

TOTAL PAID: \$2,000.00

MEMO

Sales Order #004649354



EXHIBIT 3

Herman J. Russomanno III

From: Howland, Melissa <mhowland@floridabar.org>
Sent: Tuesday, August 5, 2025 12:13 PM
To: Herman Joseph Russomanno III
Subject: RE: Question re Suzanne Mandich Ethics School

Good afternoon Mr. Russomanno,

Ethics School will be held on October 30, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 14900 Chelonia Pkwy, Orlando, FL 32821. The room number has not yet been determined. Formal scheduling letters will be sent out within a week or so.

Sincerely,

Melissa Howland

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From: Herman J. Russomanno III <herman2@russomanno.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 5, 2025 12:09 PM
To: Howland, Melissa <mhowland@floridabar.org>
Subject: RE: Question re Suzanne Mandich Ethics School

Melissa – following our emails below, can you please advise if the bar has finalized its date, time and location of the Oct. 2025 Ethics school and if so if you can please send me a letter stating the details for my client's file and reference. Thank you

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From: Howland, Melissa <mhowland@floridabar.org>
Sent: Wednesday, June 4, 2025 11:22 AM
To: Herman Joseph Russomanno III <herman2@russomanno.com>
Subject: RE: Question re Suzanne Mandich Ethics School

Good morning Mr. Russomanno,

The date and location of the October Ethics School has not yet been finalized. I have made a note in Ms. Mandich's file to send out an informational letter ASAP once the date and location are finalized.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any further questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Melissa Howland

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From: Herman J. Russomanno III <herman2@russomanno.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 4, 2025 9:27 AM
To: Mara, Melissa M <mmara@floridabar.org>
Cc: Howland, Melissa <mhowland@floridabar.org>
Subject: RE: Question re Suzanne Mandich Ethics School

Thank you Melissa and Melissa.

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From: Mara, Melissa M <mmara@floridabar.org>
Sent: Wednesday, June 4, 2025 8:01 AM
To: Herman Joseph Russomanno III <herman2@russomanno.com>
Cc: Howland, Melissa <mhowland@floridabar.org>
Subject: RE: Question re Suzanne Mandich Ethics School

Good morning, Mr. Russomanno. Thank you for your email. I have moved to a new position at the Bar, and the cases I was monitoring have been transferred to Melissa Howland, FRP. I have copied her in this email and she will address your question.

Sincerely,

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From: Herman J. Russomanno III <herman2@russomanno.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 3, 2025 10:31 PM
To: Mara, Melissa M <mmara@floridabar.org>
Subject: FW: Question re Suzanne Mandich Ethics School

Melissa – I have been retained by Suzanne Mandich going forward in her bar matter. Following up on the emails below with Brian, can you please advise if the bar has finalized its time and location for the Oct. 9 Ethics School that Ms. Mandich will attend. If so, can you please forward me the informational letter as to the same. Thank you in advance.

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From: Mara, Melissa M <mmara@floridabar.org>
Sent: Tuesday, April 29, 2025 8:15 AM
To: Brian Tannebaum <btannebaum@tannebaum.com>
Subject: RE: Question

Yes, she can defer to the following Ethics School. I will note our records and send out a scheduling letter as soon as we finalize the date and location.

Sincerely,

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From: Brian Tannebaum <btannebaum@tannebaum.com>
Sent: Monday, April 28, 2025 5:46 PM
To: Mara, Melissa M <mmara@floridabar.org>
Subject: RE: Question

Can she reschedule to October 9 in Tallahassee and if you do it in the Fall at the meeting she can go to Orlando? Regardless, she would like to reschedule to October 9. Thank you.

Brian Tannebaum

Tannebaum Law

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Please note: Florida has very broad public records laws. Many written communications to or from The Florida Bar regarding Bar business may be considered public records, which must be made available to anyone upon request. Your e-mail communications may therefore be subject to public disclosure.

EXHIBIT 4



August 6, 2025

Suzanne Mandich

This letter confirms that Suzanne Mandich has completed 50 (fifty) volunteering hours at The Soup Kitchen during her personal time as a delivery driver on our Meals On Wheels program.

We are a 501C3 organization; we do not ask for nor receive any funding from the county, state, or federal governments. we can only do what we do because of the generosity of individuals. We are grateful for your support and trust in us in helping people in need.

The Soup Kitchen reached an important milestone, celebrating 43 years of serving hungry individuals and families who desperately sought us out. Among our accomplishments: We were open 365 days, Served over 800,000 hot meals, and delivered 43,680 meals to homebound senior citizens and physically challenged individuals in the Boynton Beach area. We distributed 850,000 bags of groceries and delivered 100,400 boxes of food to needy families who were unable to come to TSK. Rescued \$12,422,540 of food from grocery store shelves; Distributed more than \$500,000 in diapers. Distributed more than ,000 turkeys for Thanksgiving and over 13,000 toys when Santa came to visit.

This is just a small listing of things we were able to accomplish as a result of all donations. The fact is that we exist because of cash contributions and donations of food, clothes, and related items which make it possible for us to meet the needs of the less fortunate. We are proud to run an effective and efficient organization that continues to meet the needs of hundreds in our community who line up for a hot meal each day.

Again, please accept our sincere thanks for choosing The Soup Kitchen. It is greatly appreciated and makes a positive difference in the lives of many.

Sincerely,

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