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SC Court of Appeals

VIA EMAIL (ctappfilings@sccourts.org)

Court of Appeals
1220 Senate Street
Columbia, SC 29201

**RE: U.S. Bank Trust NA v. Jamie Singleton and Indigo Pointe Homeowners
Association, Inc.
Appeal Case No.: 2024-000122
Our File: 22350.1.1**

Dear Court of Appeals:

Following is a copy of a September 25, 2025, order ("Order"), from the Florida Supreme Court suspending W. Jeffrey Barnes from the practice of law for a period of three years, effective thirty days from the date of the Order. Mr. Barnes was admitted pro hac vice in this case to represent Jamie Singleton, the respondent in this appeal. Both the Order and Rule 404 of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules required Mr. Barnes to notify the Court of Appeals of his suspension. I noticed Mr. Barnes' email address was still on the email chain when the Court of Appeals forwarded a filed copy of Jamie Singleton's motion for rehearing to me last week, so I didn't know if the Court of Appeals was aware of the suspension.

Sincerely,



Dean Hayes

cc: William Sloan, Esq. (email only)
W. Jeffrey Barnes (email only)
January Taylor, Esq. (email only)

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Supreme Court of Florida Aug 26 2026

SC Court of Appeals

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2025

The Florida Bar,
Complainant(s)

v.

W. Jeffrey Barnes,
Respondent(s)

SC2024-1832

Lower Tribunal No(s).:

2022-50,762(15C);

2022-50,163(15C);

2020-50,227(15C);

2020-50,618(15C);

2021-50,087(15C);

2022-50,720(15C)

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

Stipulation

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

Respondent is suspended from the practice of law for **three years**, effective 30 days from the date of this order so that respondent can close out his practice and protect the interests of existing clients. If respondent notifies this Court in writing that he 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 his 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 by respondent after issuance of this suspension order.

Respondent must pay restitution to **Lubos Naprstek** in the amount of **\$1,000.00** and submit verifiable proof of payment to the bar at its headquarters address in Tallahassee within **60** days of the date of this order. If respondent cannot locate **Lubos Naprstek** after a diligent search, respondent must execute and submit an affidavit of diligent search to the bar and must pay the full amount of the restitution to The Florida Bar's Clients' Security Fund within **60 days** of the date of this order.

As a condition precedent for petitioning for reinstatement, respondent shall take and pass the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE) and provide verifiable proof of same.

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 W. Jeffrey Barnes in the amount of \$1,623.25, 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.

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

A True Copy

Test:

SC2024-1832 9/25/2025

John A. Tomasino

Clerk, Supreme Court

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Served:

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

In the Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM DORCHESTER COUNTY

Court of Common Pleas

James E. Chellis, Master in Equity

Appellate Case No. 2024-000122

U.S. Bank Trust NA, as Trustee for Waterfall Victoria Grantor Trust II, Series G, Appellant,

v.

Jamie Singleton and Indigo Pointe Homeowners' Association, Defendants,

of which Jamie Singleton is the Respondent.

PROOF OF SERVICE

I certify that I have served a copy of my letter dated August 26, 2026, and a copy of the Florida Supreme Court Order dated September 25, 2025, upon the following by email:

William Sloan, Esq. (whs@sloanlawfirm.net)

W. Jeffrey Barnes (jeff@wjbarneslaw.com)

January Taylor, Esq. (jtaylor@mtglaw.com)

/s Dean A. Hayes

Dean A. Hayes

Attorney for the Appellant, U.S. Bank Trust NA

As Trustee for Waterfall Victoria Grantor Trust II,

Series G