

SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

Florida Board of Bar Examiners re S.D.H.

209 So. 3d 1238 · Decided February 8, 2017

SUMMARY

The Supreme Court of Florida approved the Florida Board of Bar Examiners' recommendation to admit S.D.H. to The Florida Bar subject to a two-year probationary period. The order imposed mental-health monitoring, reporting, residency, and compliance conditions and authorized suspension or other disciplinary consequences for violations.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Supreme Court of Florida
JURISDICTION	Florida
DECIDED	February 8, 2017
DISPOSITION	approved
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The Supreme Court of Florida considered the Florida Board of Bar Examiners' report and recommendation concerning S.D.H.'s admission to The Florida Bar.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Published Florida Supreme Court opinion approving conditional bar admission

TOPICS

agency adjudication administrative law judicial review of agency action

PRACTICE AREAS

bar admission legal ethics and professional responsibility attorney discipline administrative law

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the Florida Board of Bar Examiners' recommendation for S.D.H.'s conditional admission to The Florida Bar should be approved.
2. What conditions should govern S.D.H.'s admission and two-year probationary period.

HOLDINGS

1. The court approved the Florida Board of Bar Examiners' recommendation and admitted S.D.H. to The Florida Bar subject to a two-year probationary period and the conditions specified in the order.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“Upon consideration of the Report and Recommendation filed by the Florida Board of Bar Examiners, it is ordered that the Board’s recommendation is approved by the Court and S.D.H. shall be admitted to The Florida Bar subject to the following conditions:” (1238)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The Florida Board of Bar Examiners recommended that S.D.H. be admitted to The Florida Bar subject to conditions reflected in a Consent Agreement. The conditions concern ongoing mental-health-provider consultations, compliance with treatment instructions, reporting and monitoring by The Florida Bar, residence in Florida during probation, and disclosure of specified legal or disciplinary events.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The Florida Board of Bar Examiners filed a Report and Recommendation with the Supreme Court of Florida. The court approved the recommendation and conditionally admitted S.D.H. to The Florida Bar, subject to a two-year probation and specified monitoring and compliance conditions.

DISPOSITION

approved