

SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

Florida Board of Bar Examiners re M.K.F.

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SUMMARY

The Florida Supreme Court approved the Florida Board of Bar Examiners' recommendation to admit M.K.F. to The Florida Bar subject to a three-year probationary period. The order imposed conditions concerning sobriety, monitoring, treatment participation, reporting, residency, and compliance with Florida Bar requirements, and provided for possible suspension or other discipline upon violation.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Supreme Court of Florida
JURISDICTION	Florida
DECIDED	November 1, 2017
DISPOSITION	approved
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The Supreme Court of Florida considered the Florida Board of Bar Examiners' report and recommendation concerning M.K.F.'s admission to The Florida Bar.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Published per curiam order approving conditional admission

TOPICS

administrative law agency adjudication

PRACTICE AREAS

bar admission professional responsibility legal ethics administrative law

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the Florida Board of Bar Examiners' recommendation for conditional admission should be approved.
2. What conditions should govern M.K.F.'s admission and probationary license to practice law.

HOLDINGS

1. The court approved the Florida Board of Bar Examiners' recommendation and admitted M.K.F. to The Florida Bar subject to a three-year probationary period and the conditions set forth in the order.

2. A violation of the probation conditions or a finding of probable cause concerning conduct committed during probation may terminate probation and subject the applicant to available grievance procedures and disciplinary sanctions, including disbarment; the Bar may petition for immediate suspension upon notice of a violation.

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 M.K.F. shall be admitted to The Florida Bar subject to the following conditions:”

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The opinion concerns M.K.F.'s application for admission to The Florida Bar and the Board's recommendation for conditional admission. The order requires a three-year probationary period beginning July 20, 2016, with conditions addressing abstinence from alcohol and unauthorized controlled substances, participation in Florida Lawyers Assistance, Inc. and recovery programs, drug and alcohol screening, reporting, residency, and compliance monitoring.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The Florida Board of Bar Examiners filed a report and recommendation recommending conditional admission. The Supreme Court of Florida approved the recommendation and ordered that M.K.F. be admitted subject to a three-year probation and specified monitoring, sobriety, reporting, and compliance conditions.

DISPOSITION

approved