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June 18, 2024

Mr. Phillip Bleicher
2705 West Fulton Street
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Re: Mr. Michael Gulisano; RFA No.: 24-12445

Dear Mr. Bleicher:

Your inquiry concerning the above-referenced attorney has been referred to me for my review in which you allege you became aware in 2023 of the defamatory blog post made by Mr. Gulisano against you.

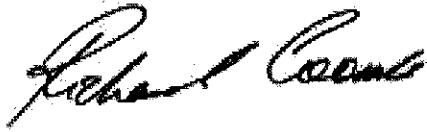
It is evident that the matters upon which your allegations are premised involve a civil dispute and present questions of both fact and law which are beyond The Florida Bar's jurisdiction. Thus, The Florida Bar is not the correct forum in which to have such factual and legal issues adjudicated and resolution of those issues must be left to the appropriate tribunal. The Florida Bar is not a substitute for the judiciary and has no authority to intervene in this matter. Additionally, The Supreme Court of Florida has ruled that the disciplinary process and proceedings are not to be used as a substitute for civil proceedings and remedies. See, *The Florida Bar v. Della-Donna*, 583 So. 2d 307 (Fla.1989).

After careful consideration, I conclude that the matters referenced in your inquiry do not constitute violations of the Rules of Professional Conduct, and accordingly, your inquiry does not fall within the purview of the grievance system framework. Consequently, I have closed our record in this matter effective June 17, 2024.

Please be advised that my action does not preclude you from consulting with private counsel, nor does it preclude you from exercising any legal remedy which may be available to you.

Pursuant to the Bar's records retention schedule, the computer record and file will be disposed of one year from the date of closing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard W. Coombs". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Richard" and last name "Coombs" clearly distinguishable.

Richard W. Coombs, Bar Counsel
Attorney Consumer Assistance Program
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cc: Mr. Michael Gulisano (w/enclosure) ✓

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June 4, 2024

Richard W. Coombs,
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Re: Michael Gulisano; RFA No. 24-12445

Dr. Mr. Coombs:

I am writing in response to your letter dated May 31, 2024, regarding my complaint against Attorney Michael Gulisano.

I would like to clarify that while the initial incident involving my review of Mr. Gulisano's services occurred several years ago, I was only recently made aware of the defamatory blog post that he published attacking my character and credibility. This blog post, which contains numerous false and highly damaging allegations about my personal and professional life, was discovered by me in 2023. Therefore, this complaint falls within the statute of limitations as outlined in Rule 3-7.16(a)(1) of the Rules of Discipline of The Florida Bar, which states that a complainant must make a written inquiry within six years from the time the matter giving rise to the inquiry or complaint is discovered or, with due diligence, should have been discovered.

The defamatory blog post by Mr. Gulisano includes false accusations that I intentionally expose employees to HIV, operate illegal businesses, evade taxes, and engage in fraudulent activities. These allegations are completely baseless, and I have never been arrested, charged, or sued for any of these crimes or allegations. The statements made by Mr. Gulisano are entirely false and defamatory, causing significant harm to my personal and professional reputation.

Given that the defamatory content was only recently discovered, I believe that this matter falls within the "complaint is discovered" period and should be investigated by the Florida Bar. I respectfully request that the Florida Bar re-evaluate my complaint in light of this information and take appropriate disciplinary action against Mr. Gulisano for his unethical conduct.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please feel free to contact me if you require any further information or clarification.

Sincerely,

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May 31, 2024

Mr. Phillip Bleicher
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Re: Michael Gulisano; RFA No. 24-12445

Dear Mr. Bleicher:

I have reviewed your Request for Assistance, and since it appears that the matter giving rise to your inquiry is greater than six years old, the Attorney/Consumer Assistance Program of The Florida Bar is unable to be of assistance to you. Pursuant to Rule 3-7.16 of the Rules of Discipline of The Florida Bar, all complaints must be presented within six years from the time the matter giving rise to the complaint is discovered or, with due diligence, should have been discovered. A copy of that rule is enclosed for your review.

In light of the foregoing, this matter is being closed effective May 30, 2024. Pursuant to the Bar's records retention schedule, the computer record and file will be disposed of one year from the date of closing.

Sincerely,

Richard W. Coombs, Bar Counsel
Attorney Consumer Assistance Program
ACAP Hotline 866-352-0707

Enclosure - Copy of Rule 3-7.16

cc: Mr. Michael Gulisano (with enclosure)

RULE 3-7.16 LIMITATION ON TIME TO OPEN INVESTIGATION

(a) Time for Initiating Investigation of Complaints and Re-opened Cases.

(1) **Initial Complaint or Investigation.** A complainant must make a written inquiry to The Florida Bar within 6 years from the time the matter giving rise to the inquiry or complaint is discovered or, with due diligence, should have been discovered. The Florida Bar must open an investigation initiated by The Florida Bar within 6 years from the time the matter giving rise to the investigation is discovered or, with due diligence, should have been discovered.

(2) **Re-opened Investigations.** A re-opened disciplinary investigation is not time barred by this rule if the investigation is reopened within 1 year after the date on which the matter was closed, except that a re-opened investigation based on a deferral made in accordance with bar policy and as authorized elsewhere in these Rules Regulating The Florida Bar is not barred if re-opened within 1 year after actual notice of the conclusion of the civil, criminal, or other proceedings on which the deferral was based.

(3) **Deferred Investigations.** A disciplinary investigation which began with the opening of a discipline file and bar inquiries to a respondent within the 6-year time period as described in this rule and RRTFB August 1, 2022 was then deferred in accordance with bar policy and the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar, is not time barred under this rule if a grievance committee finds probable cause and the bar files its formal complaint within 1 year after actual notice of the conclusion of the civil, criminal, or other proceedings on which deferral was based.

(b) Exception for Theft or Conviction of a Felony Criminal Offense. There is no limit on the time in which to present, reopen, or bring a matter alleging theft or conviction of a felony criminal offense by a member of The Florida Bar.

(c) Tolling Based on Fraud, Concealment, or Misrepresentation. The limitation of time in which to bring or reopen a complaint within this rule is tolled where it can be shown that fraud, concealment, or intentional misrepresentation of fact prevented the discovery of the matter giving rise to the inquiry or complaint.

(d) Constitutional Officers. Inquiries raised or complaints presented by or to The Florida Bar about the conduct of a constitutional officer who is required to be a member in good standing of The Florida Bar must be commenced within 6 years after the constitutional officer vacates office. Added July 20, 1995 (658 So.2d 930).

Amended effective March 23, 2000 (763 So.2d 1002); December 20, 2007, effective March 1, 2008 (SC06-736) (978 So.2d 91), amended November 9, 2017, effective February 1, 2018.

RULE 3-7.17 VEXATIOUS CONDUCT AND LIMITATION ON FILINGS

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June 5, 2024

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Re: Michael Gulisano; RFA No. 24-12445

Dear Mr. Coombs:

I am writing to follow up on the letter I sent earlier yesterday June 4, 2024 and my complaint from May 20, 2024 regarding my complaint against Attorney Michael Gulisano. In addition to the points raised in my previous correspondence, I have found another post by Mr. Gulisano dated March 20, 2019, on Avvo: <https://www.avvo.com/attorneys/33076-fl-michael-gulisano-3416191.html>.

Florida Attorney Gulisano posted this message on his personal Avvo Profile on March 20, 2019 "Apparently any anonymous person can leave any comment saying any crazy thing that they want regardless of whether it is true. This comment is completely false and was left by con artist Philip Bleicher. Mr. Bleicher is a gay porn mogul who intentionally exposes unwitting performers to HIV and exploits minorities – or as the Chicago Department of Public Health calls it – borderline "illegal servitude." Before that, Mr. Bleicher stole millions from Illinois public schools through a fake charity. Read the full story at <https://gulisanolaw.com/phillip-bleicher-criminal-conman-liar>"

This post is within the statute of limitations of six years as per Rule 3-7.16(a)(1) of the Rules of Discipline of The Florida Bar. Given the ongoing nature of Mr. Gulisano's defamatory actions, it is clear that the issue is both current and within the relevant time frame for investigation.

Mr. Gulisano's persistent and ruthless behavior in making such scandalous and defamatory statements is not only dangerous but also highly inappropriate for an attorney. His actions tarnish the reputation of the legal profession and reflect poorly on other Florida attorneys and members of the Bar. It is imperative that such conduct is addressed to uphold the integrity and ethical standards of the legal community.

I will continue to search for and document more instances of Mr. Gulisano's defamatory and unethical behavior, as I am confident that there are additional posts and comments he has made with the intent to harm my character and credibility. His persistent defamatory behavior should not be overlooked.

Given this additional information, I urge the Florida Bar to reconsider my complaint and initiate an investigation into Mr. Gulisano's conduct. His actions have caused significant harm to my personal and professional reputation, and I believe they warrant disciplinary action.

Thank you once again for your attention to this serious matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information or clarification.

Sincerely,

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Attached: AVVO Profile of Michael Gulisano
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