

PETITION FOR RETIREMENT

I, _____ petition the Executive Director of The Florida Bar for permission
(name typed or printed)

to retire permanently retire from the practice of law in Florida, under Rule 1-3.5, Rules
Regulating The Florida Bar, because:

My inventory lawyer is: _____.
(Florida Bar member name and bar number)

My inventory lawyer has or has not agreed to serve as inventory lawyer if necessary to
wind up my practice.

I do or do not have active cases or current clients regarding Florida matters.

I do or do not have a trust account.

I do or do not have an active account in the Florida courts portal.

I do or do not have an active account in the Florida courts Appellate Case Information
System (ACIS).

I understand if I am allowed to retire:

I am prohibited from giving legal advice or providing legal services in Florida or on Florida
law;

I am prohibited from holding myself out as a member of The Florida Bar licensed to
practice law.

Under penalty of perjury, I declare the above is true, correct, and complete.

Signature

Address*

Attorney Number

City, State and Zip Code

Date

Telephone Number*

Email Address*

**The information added here will become your
Florida Bar public profile information.*

Rules Regulating The Florida Bar

RULE 1-3.5 RETIREMENT

Any member of The Florida Bar may retire from The Florida Bar upon petition or other written request to, and
approval of, the executive director. A retired member shall not practice law in this state except upon petition for

reinstatement to, and approval of, the executive director; the payment of all membership fees, costs, or other amounts owed to The Florida Bar; and the completion of all outstanding continuing legal education or basic skills course requirements. A member who seeks and is approved to permanently retire shall not be eligible for reinstatement or readmission. A retired member shall be entitled to receive such other privileges as the board of governors may authorize.

A retired member shall remain subject to disciplinary action for acts committed before the effective date of retirement. Acts committed after retirement may be considered in evaluating the member's fitness to resume the practice of law in Florida as elsewhere stated in these Rules Regulating The Florida Bar.

If the executive director is in doubt as to disposition of a petition, the executive director may refer the petition to the board of governors for its action. Action of the executive director or board of governors denying a petition for retirement or reinstatement from retirement may be reviewed upon petition to the Supreme Court of Florida.

RULE 1-3.7 REINSTATEMENT TO MEMBERSHIP

(a) **Eligibility for Reinstatement.** Members who have retired or been delinquent for a period of time not in excess of 5 years are eligible for reinstatement under this rule. Time will be calculated from the day of the retirement or delinquency.

Inactive members may also seek reinstatement under this rule.

(b) **Petitions Required.** A member seeking reinstatement must file a petition with the executive director setting forth the reason for inactive status, retirement, or delinquency and showing good cause why the petition for reinstatement should be granted. The petitioner must include all required information on a form approved by the board of governors. The petition must be accompanied by a nonrefundable reinstatement fee of \$150 and payment of all arrearages unless adjusted by the executive director with concurrence of the executive committee for good cause shown. Inactive members are not required to pay the reinstatement fee. No member will be reinstated if, from the petition or from investigation conducted, the petitioner is not of good moral character and morally fit to practice law or if the member is delinquent with the continuing legal education or basic skills course requirements.

If the executive director is in doubt as to approval of a petition, the executive director may refer the petition to the board of governors for its action. Action of the executive director or board of governors denying a petition for reinstatement may be reviewed on petition to the Supreme Court of Florida.

(c) **Members Who Have Retired or Been Delinquent for Less Than 5 Years, But More Than 3 Years.** Members who have retired or been delinquent for less than 5 years, but more than 3 years, must complete 11 hours of continuing legal education courses for each year or portion of a year that the member had retired or was deemed delinquent.

(d) **Members Who Have Retired or Been Delinquent for 5 Years or More.** Members who have retired or have been deemed delinquent for a period of 5 years or longer will not be reinstated under this rule and must be readmitted upon application to the Florida Board of Bar Examiners and approval by the Supreme Court of Florida.

(e) **Members Who Have Permanently Retired.** Members who have permanently retired will not be reinstated under this rule.

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