

2021 WL 1096726 (Fla.) (Appellate Brief)  
Supreme Court of Florida.

THE FLORIDA BAR, Complainant,  
v.  
Robert Laurence PELLETIER, Respondent.

No. SC21-316.  
March 18, 2021.

The Florida Bar File No. 2021-00,159 (4a)

**Answer**

\*2 Comes now, Respondent, Robert Laurence Pelletier, hereby files this answer and states the following:

1. Admit.

2. Admit.

3. Admit.

4. Admit.

5. Admit.

6. Admit, Respondent was unaware of said case law until recently. Furthermore, Respondent was unaware that using a nickname such as “Pitbull” was a violation of The Florida Bar Rules. Respondent is currently aware of the fact that said case law came out as an interpretation of the bar rules that were in existence at the time of the opinion which subsequently changed.

7. Admit.

8. Deny. Respondent “paid” for boat wrap. Mr. Taylor subsequently reimbursed Respondent for said “boat wrap”.

9. Admit, but Respondent did start correcting the problem. It was very difficult to remove web-based content. I employed an IT expert, who explained what he did to The Florida Bar. (See attached” Exhibit A”) The boat wrap is permanent and very expensive. I was trying to get the installer to address the problem. In the meantime, the boat remained in port at a private marina until the installer provided vinyl covering to block the language at issue.

10. Deny.

***AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES***

1. The Florida Bar rule(s) cited violate the first amendment freedom of speech section.

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2. *Right to Supplement Affirmative Defenses*-Respondent reserves the right to amend, supplement and add affirmative defenses.

**Appendix not available.**

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