FLORIDA SUPREME COURT



BEYOND THE WALLS. LARGELY UNAWARE OF WHAT HAPPENS AT THE BOTTOM.

5 FEDERAL COURT

CIVIL-RIGHTS REVIEW IN THEORY — IMMUNITY AND ABSTENTION IN PRACTICE.

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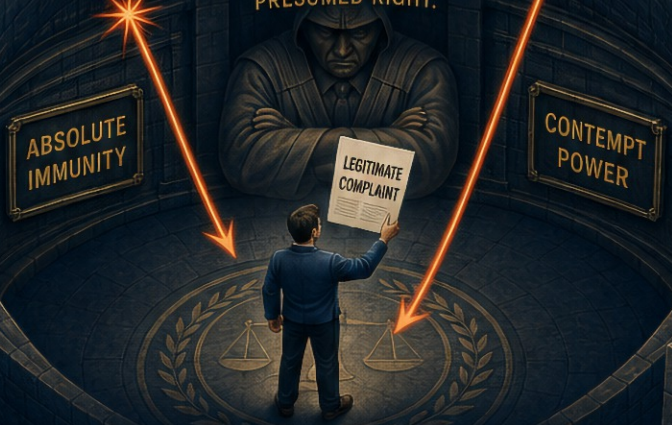
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HE MEETS THE JUDGE FIRST. EVERY RING AFTER EXISTS TO KEEP HIM THERE.

NO JURY. NO WAY UP. NO WAY OUT.

PROFESSIONAL PROTECTION SHIELDS UNETHICAL CONDUCT

Most attorneys are ethical. This is about the walls around one who is not.

THE FLORIDA BAR

Presumes a pro se ethics complaint is meritless unless proven otherwise.

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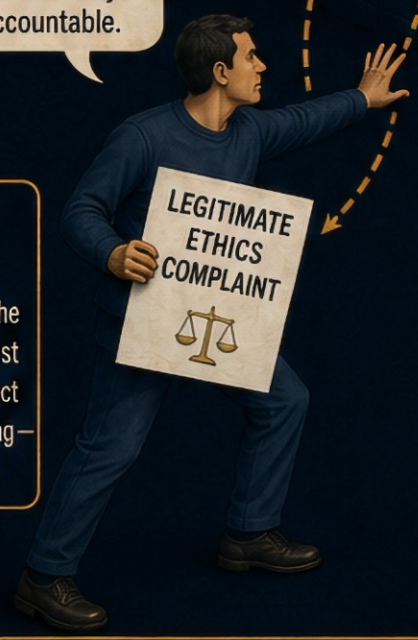
Presumes the pro se litigant is exaggerating — and counsel is candid.





AN UNETHICAL ATTORNEY — CONFIDENT. PROTECTED.

Someone must hold this lawyer accountable.



THE ETHICAL MAJORITY —

Outside the walls, on the same side as the honest litigant. The rings protect one of their own gone wrong — and shame the rest.

ACCESS DENIED —

The complaint never gets through.

AN HONEST PRO SE LITIGANT —
Dismissed. Disbelieved.
Blocked at every level.



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The final authority over attorney discipline — but a complaint must survive every inner layer to ever reach it.

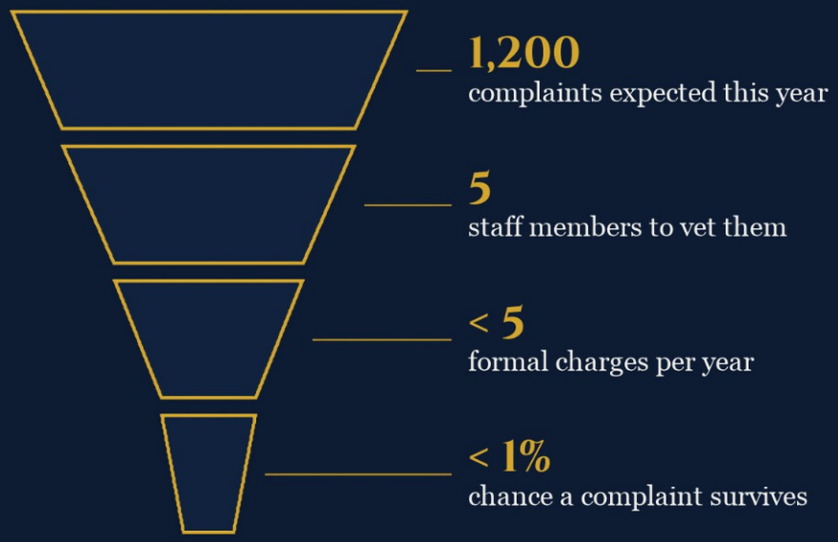
THE RESULT: The layers protect the unethical lawyer. The complaint is dismissed as noise.

FLORIDA JUDICIAL QUALIFICATIONS COMMISSION • IN THEIR OWN WORDS

Straight from the JQC's mouth

The screening philosophy, quoted verbatim — and the arithmetic it produces.

Florida's JQC expects 1,200 complaints against judges this year — nearly double the traditional 500–700 — screened by a staff of five. The Legislature's own research office found fewer than five complaints per year result in formal charges.



SURVIVAL RATE, ON A FULL SCALE



> *"It's not that judges are behaving worse… Everybody is just angry with each other now."*
>
> — Alexander Williams, incoming JQC Executive Director, on a record year of complaints

> *"It spews back what the code says, but there's no specifics… It's a lot of heat but no light."*
>
> — The same director, on pro se and AI-assisted filings — screened by wrapper, before the facts

> *"Judges have to be free to make the decisions that they have to make… and that won't subject the judge to discipline."*
>
> — The same director, on the Commission's mission

> *"Every single complaint is taken very seriously."*
>
> — JQC Chair Greg Coleman, in the same article

The same article that promised every complaint is taken seriously supplied the framework for dismissing them wholesale — and no one noticed the tension.

Sources: The Florida Bar News, Oct. 23, 2025 (Jim Ash), "Alexander Williams tapped as JQC executive director" — all quotes verbatim. OPPAGA Report 15-12: five-year review found 600–700 complaints per year, fewer than five resulting in formal charges. Illustrative presentation of public statements and legislative statistics.