

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

THE FLORIDA BAR,

Supreme Court Case
No.

IN RE:
THE PETITION FOR
DISCIPLINARY REVOCATION OF
BRITTANY MARIE LOPER A/K/A
BRITTANY COOPER

The Florida Bar File
No. 2022-00,091(3)NDR

Petitioner.

**PETITION FOR DISCIPLINARY REVOCATION WITH LEAVE TO APPLY
FOR READMISSION**

COMES NOW Petitioner, Brittany Marie Loper A/K/A Brittany Cooper,
and submits this Petition for Disciplinary Revocation pursuant to Rule
Regulating Fla. Bar 3-7.12 and states:

1. Petitioner knowingly and voluntarily submits this petition with
leave to apply for readmission after five years with full knowledge of its
effect.
2. Petitioner is 33 years old, has been a member of The Florida
Bar since September 27, 2013, and is subject to the jurisdiction of the
Supreme Court of Florida and the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar.
3. Petitioner has no discipline history.

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4. The following disciplinary charges are currently pending against the Petitioner:

A. The Florida Bar File No. 2021-00,061(3) (Complaint of Frederick Koberlein) – Shala and Jordan Espenship, as adoptive parents, hired petitioner (an associate of Koberlein Law Offices) to represent them in a private adoption case. The birth of the child occurred on February 15, 2020 at Shands Lake Shore Regional Medical Center in Lake City, Florida. Petitioner admits that after the birth mother signed the Consent Waiver, she forged Jennifer L. Diaz's ("Ms. Diaz") name and used her notary stamp. Petitioner then presented this document to the hospital to obtain the release of the baby. Ms. Diaz was employed with Koberlein Law Offices as a notary public and a legal assistant to petitioner. On May 5, 2020, Diaz questioned petitioner on the whereabouts of the Consent Waiver signed by the birth mother. Petitioner retrieved the documents from her vehicle. Diaz reviewed the documents and saw that her signature had been forged and that her notary stamp had been used to stamp the Consent Waiver. Diaz questioned petitioner about the forgeries and petitioner admitted that she took Diaz's notary stamp from her

office desk and used it. Petitioner also admitted that she forged Diaz's signature.

B. The Florida Bar File No. 2021-00,217(3) (Complaint of Kassie Gilliam) – Ms. Gilliam was referred to petitioner in June 2020 regarding custody of her son. Petitioner quoted Ms. Gilliam a \$3,500.00 fee and said she would accept \$1,500.00 down. Ms. Gilliam met with petitioner and signed signature pages of documents since petitioner said that would speed up the process. Ms. Gilliam reached an agreement with the opposing party on her own and then reached out to petitioner about drafting an agreement. Petitioner sent Ms. Gilliam a draft of the agreement and she agreed to send an amended copy after changes were made. This was never done. Petitioner represented to Ms. Gilliam that the agreement was sent to the opposing side when it was not. Petitioner repeatedly failed to respond to Ms. Gilliam about her case.

C. The Florida Bar File No. 2021-00,402(3) (Complaint of Taryn Kasey Coffee) – Ms. Coffee hired petitioner in November 2020 for a divorce case, but nothing happened in her case. Ms. Coffee tried setting up a meeting with petitioner to talk about her case but was unable to do so after leaving several messages. Ms. Coffee and

her mother went to petitioner's office during regular business hours and the office was locked. When she tried the office number it was disconnected.

D. The Florida Bar File No. 2021-00,415(3) (Complaint of Clayton Manning) – Mr. Manning retained petitioner on February 16, 2021 and paid her \$1,400.00 of a \$2,500.00 fee to assist him with his visitation rights with his daughter. Mr. Manning alleged petitioner claimed she would email the contract to him and have his ex-wife served with contempt papers within two weeks. Mr. Manning stated as of March 19, 2021, petitioner would not return any of his calls. Mr. Manning and his wife went to petitioner's office and no one would come to the door.

E. The Florida Bar File No. 2021-00,463(3) (Complaint of Marco A. Campos) – Mr. Campos hired petitioner in December of 2019 to represent him in a domestic relations case. Mr. Campos alleged petitioner never responded to emails, calls, or texts. Mr. Campos further alleged petitioner gave him bad advice about trying to buy a house with his proceeds from the sale of the marital home. Mr. Campos stated petitioner moved her office and never gave him an update or communicated with him about it. Mr. Campos claimed he

paid petitioner \$1,300.00 and she has never produced any paperwork, took any depositions, or scheduled anything in court.

F. The Florida Bar File No. 2021-00,491(3) (Complaint of Archie Crews) – Mr. Crews hired petitioner in August 2018 to assist him in a divorce and child support case. Mr. Crews paid petitioner \$2,000.00. Mr. Crews claims that once he made the payment, communication became difficult. Mr. Crews emailed petitioner assistant on October 1, 2020 and they apologized for the delay. They sent him the financial affidavit, he filled it out and returned to them. Mr. Crews called and emailed but with no response. Mr. Crews went to the office and left the financial affidavit with office staff. Since then, he called and emailed with no response. Mr. Crews checked with the clerk of court and learned nothing has been filed on his behalf. In February 2021, Mr. Crews emailed petitioner for a refund and return of his records. Petitioner agreed to a refund, but to date failed to remit the refund to Mr. Crews.

G. The Florida Bar File No. 2022-00,039(3) (Complaint of Amanda Locke) – Ms. Locke hired petitioner in November 2020 for a divorce case but has had nothing but difficulties with petitioner since retaining her. Petitioner ignored Ms. Locke's calls, emails, and text

messages. Whenever petitioner did get in touch with Ms. Locke there was always an excuse. Ms. Locke claimed petitioner advised her that it was fine when Ms. Locke moved to her new address since it was not over the limit of 50 miles. Ms. Locke claimed she tried to contact petitioner for weeks prior to mediation but petitioner never answered her phone at the office or her cell phone. Ms. Locke stated petitioner rushed through mediation, muted her phone to deal with other matters, and told Ms. Locke she had to agree to everything since she moved 50.5 miles away. Ms. Locke found out in July during a motion to compel that petitioner had failed to turn over her financial disclosure. Ms. Locke also found out from the court that petitioner had not been showing up for hearings for about 90 days. Ms. Locke had to retain another lawyer.

H. The Florida Bar File No. 2022-00,046(3) (Complaint of Rebecca Barlow) – Ms. Barlow consulted with petitioner in August 2020 and retained her in September 2020 for a dissolution of marriage. Ms. Barlow paid petitioner \$2,500.00. Ms. Barlow claimed petitioner sent her a copy of the petition and financial forms in October 2020, however they needed revisions and Ms. Barlow had questions. Ms. Barlow reached out to petitioner multiple times via

phone and emails with no response. Ms. Barlow was told that petitioner was with her son because his father had COVID and was quarantined at home. Ms. Barlow stated petitioner never called for several phone meetings that were scheduled. On February 9, 2021, Ms. Barlow emailed petitioner for a refund. Ms. Barlow stated she did not receive any response from petitioner and she recently learned petitioner moved to another county. Ms. Barlow sent an email to petitioner's updated email address but no response.

I. The Florida Bar File No. 2022-00,059(3) (Complaint of Amber Cates) – Ms. Cates hired petitioner to represent her in a custody case. Ms. Cates alleged petitioner failed to return her calls. Ms. Cates alleged she only wanted 50% custody of her son, but petitioner failed to represent her during trial. Ms. Cates stated she would like to take her case back to court but she cannot afford another attorney.

J. The Florida Bar File No. 2022-00,084(3) (Complaint of The Florida Bar) – On August 30, 2021, petitioner was arrested as Brittany Cooper in Bradford County, Florida on charges of Larceny and Fraud. The case is ongoing.

K. The Florida Bar File No. 2022-00,098(3) (Complaint of The Florida Bar) – On August 26, 2021, petitioner was arrested in Hamilton County as Brittany Cooper on two counts of felony forgery and one count of uttering. Petitioner was booked, and then extradited to the Columbia County Jail.

5. Petitioner contends that granting this Petition will not adversely affect the public interest, the integrity of the courts, or the confidence of the public in the legal profession. Further, Petitioner contends that granting this Petition will not hinder the administration of justice.

6. Petitioner agrees to reimburse the Clients' Security Fund (CSF) for any and all funds CSF has paid or may pay out for claims resulting from Petitioner's misconduct.

7. Petitioner agrees to reimburse The Florida Bar for the costs incurred in her disciplinary cases.

8. Petitioner agrees to submit to a complete audit of any trust account(s) and any other account(s) in which Petitioner has placed client funds, if requested to do so by The Florida Bar.

9. Petitioner further agrees to submit a sworn financial affidavit to The Florida Bar attesting to Petitioner's current personal and professional

financial circumstances on a form to be provided by The Florida Bar within thirty (30) days, if requested.

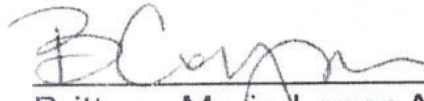
10. Petitioner further agrees to maintain a current mailing address with The Florida Bar for a period of five (5) years after the disciplinary revocation becomes final. Further, Petitioner shall keep the bar advised as to the physical address of Petitioner's home and/or business in the event Petitioner should utilize a post office box or other type of mail drop service during the five (5) year period after the disciplinary revocation becomes final.

11. Petitioner agrees to eliminate all indicia of petitioner's status as an attorney on social media, telephone listings, stationery, checks, business cards office signs or any other indicia of his status as an attorney, whatsoever. Petitioner will no longer hold herself out as a licensed attorney.

12. Petitioner understands that the granting of this petition by the Supreme Court of Florida shall serve to dismiss all pending disciplinary cases.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner respectfully requests that this Court grant this Petition and order that Petitioner's membership in The Florida Bar be revoked with leave to seek readmission after 5 years.

Respectfully submitted,



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Dated this 14 day of September,
2021.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that this document has been E-filed with The Honorable John A. Tomasino, Clerk of the Supreme Court of Florida, with a copies provided via email to Joshua E. Doyle, Executive Director, The Florida Bar, at idoyle@floridabar.org; Brittany Marie Loper, Petitioner, at brittany@cooperattorney.com; and to Patricia Ann Toro Savitz, Staff Counsel, The Florida Bar, at psavitz@floridabar.org, on this 17th day of September, 2021.



Alan Anthony Pascal, Bar Counsel

