

# Ex-Public Defender in Jacksonville, Faces Suspension From Law Practice for 6 Months

“Jacksonville’s former public defender may lose his right to practice law for the next six months after filing a voluntary guilty plea for ethics violations committed when he held the job ...,” writes Dan Scanlan from the *Florida Times-Union’s News*.

“The Florida Bar said Shirk agreed to the suspension in a conditional plea in an 11-page document, which will be presented to the Florida Supreme Court for a final decision. If he is suspended from practicing law, he must have “proof of rehabilitation” prior to his reinstatement. He also is required to pay for the disciplinary costs.”

“Shirk is a private attorney in Jacksonville, handling criminal defense and immigration law. He could not be reached for comment following a text message and call.”

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