

STATE OF NEW YORK  
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

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In the Matter of the Proceeding  
Pursuant to Section 44, subdivision 4,  
of the Judiciary Law in Relation to

**JOSEPH F. KASPER,**

**ANSWER**

a Judge of the New York City Civil Court,  
Queens County.

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Joseph F. Kasper, by his attorney Emery Celli Abady Brinckerhoff Ward & Maazel LLP,  
Answers the Supplemental Formal Written Complaint of Robert H. Tembeckjian as follows on  
knowledge or otherwise on information and belief:

1. Respondent lacks knowledge or information sufficient to admit or deny the allegations set forth in paragraph 1 of the Supplemental Formal Written Complaint (“SFWC”).
2. Admit.
3. Admit.
4. Admit.
5. Respondent lacks knowledge or information sufficient to admit or deny the allegations set forth in paragraph 5 of the SFWC.
6. Respondent acknowledges Petitioner seeks to incorporate by reference paragraphs 1-5 of the original FWC.
- 55A. Admit.
- 55B. Admit to the extent Ms. A █████ sought to contact Respondent in February of 2022

despite having repeatedly been told Respondent was no longer practicing law and that Attorney

Mossa would be following up regarding obtaining the Divorce papers. [ALL THE PAPERS NECESSARY TO OBTAIN AN UNCONTESTED DIVORCE HAD BEEN FILED WITH THE COURT AND PAID FOR ON DECEMBER 11, 2020, AT 3:58 AM. Please see copy of PAYMENT RECEIPT and CONFIRMATION NOTICE FROM THE NYCSEF SYSTEM, DATED 12/11/20, well over a year before Respondent assumed office, attached as Exhibit A.].

55C. Admit to the extent that Respondent acknowledged Ms. A [REDACTED] continued to contact Respondent telling him he was responsible for obtaining her Divorce, despite being told to contact the Mossa office and that he could no longer represent her. Respondent agreed to meet with Ms. A [REDACTED] at the Mossa office to accept \$1,000 towards the \$1,500 balance owed from years earlier but mainly to have her sign a note acknowledging she would look to the Mossa office to obtain her Divorce long delayed by the Pandemic.

55D. Admit except deny to the extent Respondent did not meet with her in a South Ozone Park Office, but in the Mossa office.

55E. Admit to the extent Ms. A [REDACTED] contacted Respondent on or about October 19, 2022 about a court date, and Respondent subsequently texted with her reiterating what she had previously been informed of by others.

55F. Admit to the extent Respondent was sent text messages by Ms. A [REDACTED], initiated by her, which Respondent answered as a courtesy to a former client solely seeking to calm her and confirming Mr. Mossa would be present.

55G. Admit Respondent was contacted by Ms. A [REDACTED], and that he responded as a courtesy to a former client that he would inquire.

55H. Acknowledges that Petitioner incorporates by Reference paragraphs 56-66 of the original complaint, previously addressed in Respondent's Answer to the FWC.



66A. Admit.

66B. Admit.

66C. Admit.

66D. Admit there is a transcript of the 5/4/2023 proceedings where Michael Mossa appeared representing Plaintiff A [REDACTED] A [REDACTED], that attorney Michael Mossa indicated he was appearing for Ms. A [REDACTED], that as part of the allocution Ms. A [REDACTED] was satisfied with her “attorney” (singular at p.10).

66E. Acknowledges Petitioner incorporates by Reference paragraphs 67-170 of the original FWC, addressed in Respondent’s Answer.

AS AND FOR RESPONDENT’S AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES:

A. Respondent had completed all papers to effect an uncontested Divorce on Default for Plaintiff A [REDACTED], and all papers to effect that were filed in December, 2020. Please see Exhibit A, hereto.

B. That substantially all communications after January 1, 2022 were initiated by Ms. A [REDACTED] to Respondent despite her repeatedly being told to communicate with the Mossa office.

C. That Respondent had expected Michael Mossa would appear and act as the attorney for Ms. A [REDACTED] in Court on May 4, 2023, and that Janice Bar would be there also, solely in a paralegal capacity as a familiar face for Ms. A [REDACTED].

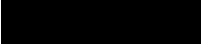
Dated: New York, New York

December 8, 2025

By: \_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_

Richard D. Emery  
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In the Matter of

**JOSEPH F. KASPER**

**VERIFICATION**

a Judge of the New York City Civil Court  
Queens County

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STATE OF NEW YORK     )

) ss:

COUNTY OF QUEENS     )

JOSEPH F. KASPER, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I am the Respondent in the above-captioned matter.
2. I have read the foregoing Answer to the Supplemental Formal Written Complaint in the matter and, upon information and belief, all matters stated therein are true.
3. The basis for said information is in the files and records maintained by me and Exhibits and information provided by the State Commission on Judicial Conduct.

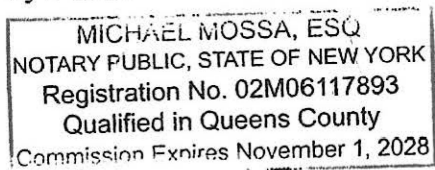
Dated: December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025

  
Joseph F. Kasper

Sworn to before me  
this 8<sup>th</sup> day of December 2025



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# **EXHIBIT A**



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