



Overview of The Florida Bar Discipline System



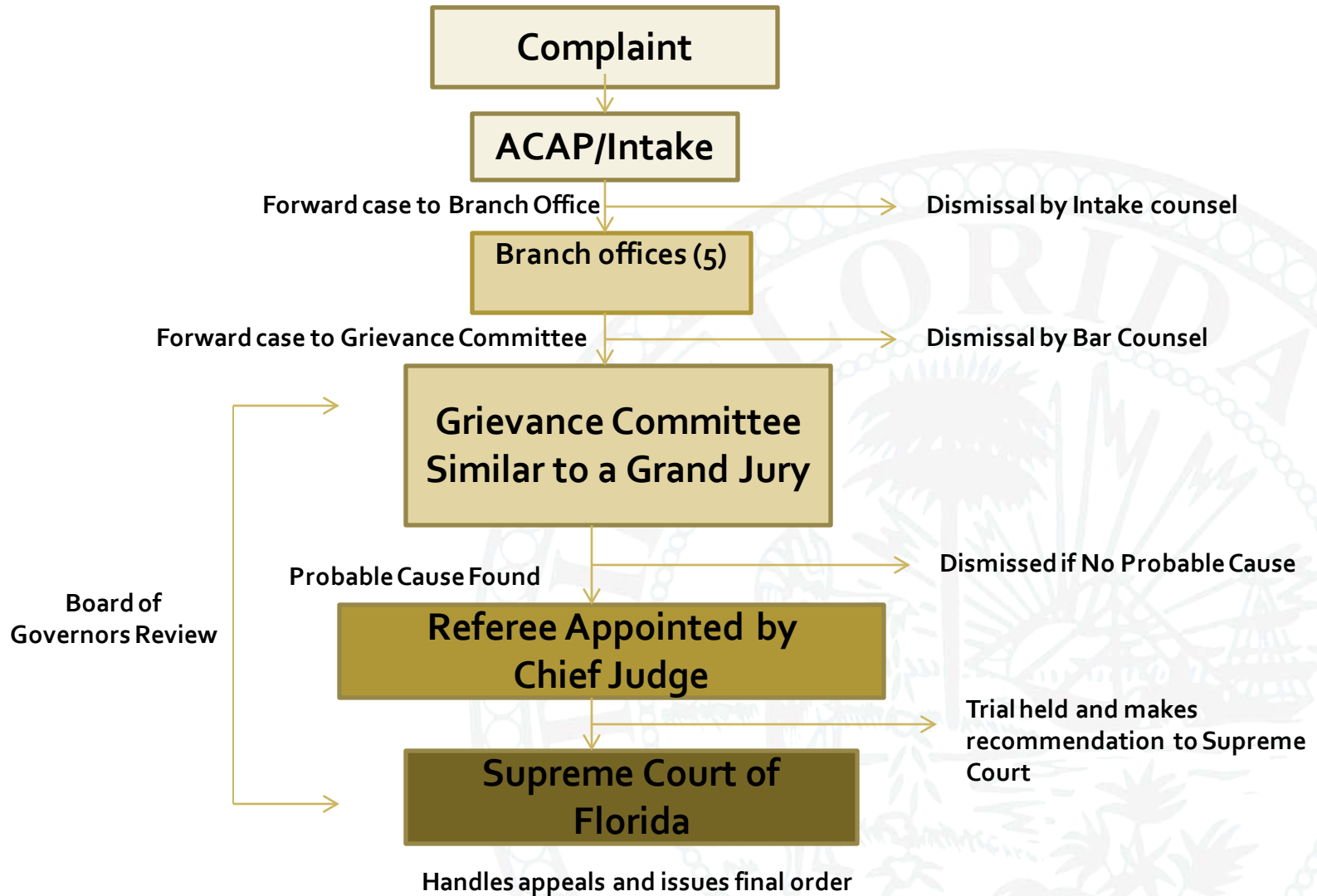
Disciplinary Process

Attorney Consumer Assistance and Intake Screening Process

- Telephone Inquires
- Written Inquires
- ACAP Processing/Intake Process
 - More Lawyer/Public Friendly



Disciplinary Process



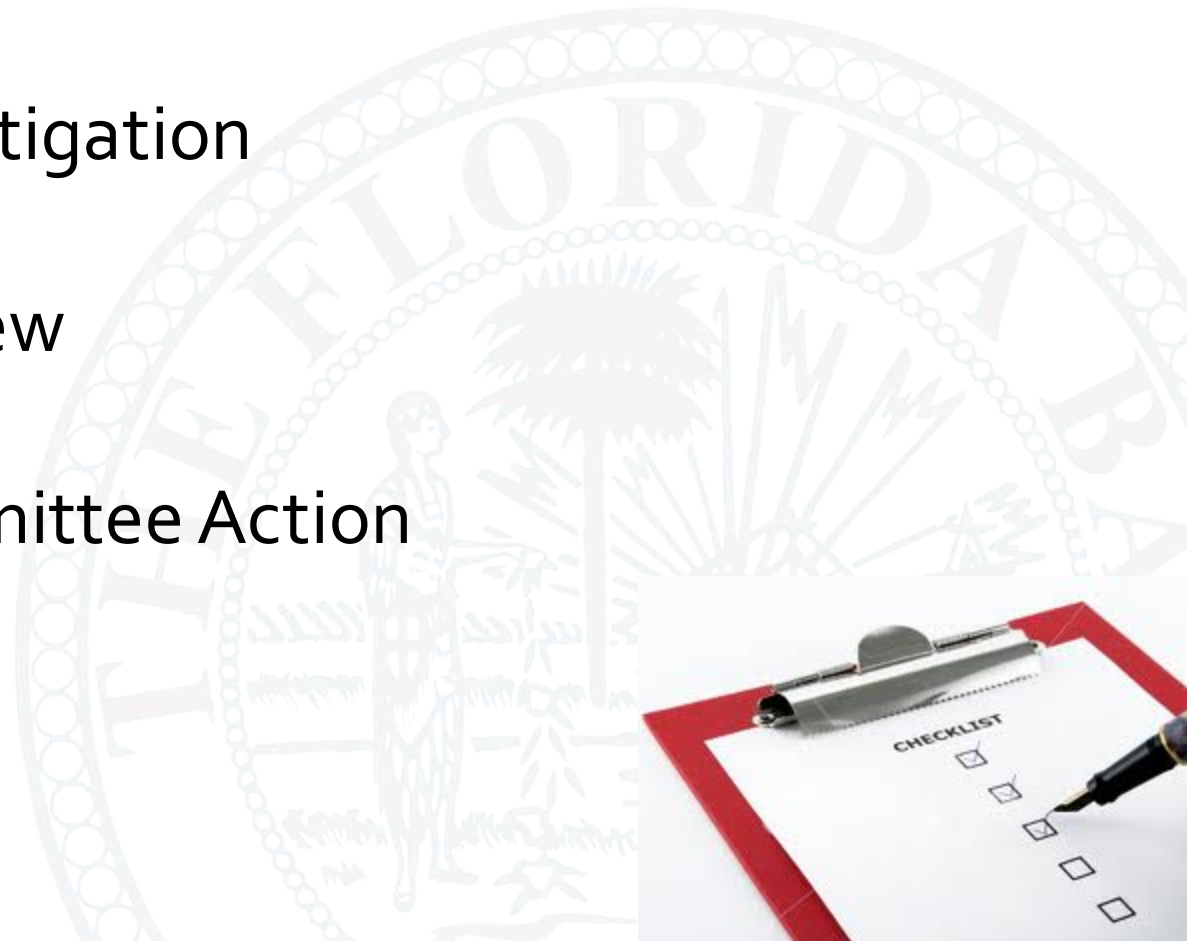
Staff Level Investigations

- Inquiry
 - Jurisdiction?
 - If true, is it a violation?
- Complaint
 - Response requested
 - Rebuttal allowed
 - Analysis of facts
- Options
 - Mediation/Fee Arbitration
 - Referral to Grievance Committee
 - Closure



Grievance Committee Process

- Investigating Member Assigned
- Additional Investigation
- Hearing or Review
- Grievance Committee Action



Grievance Committee Options

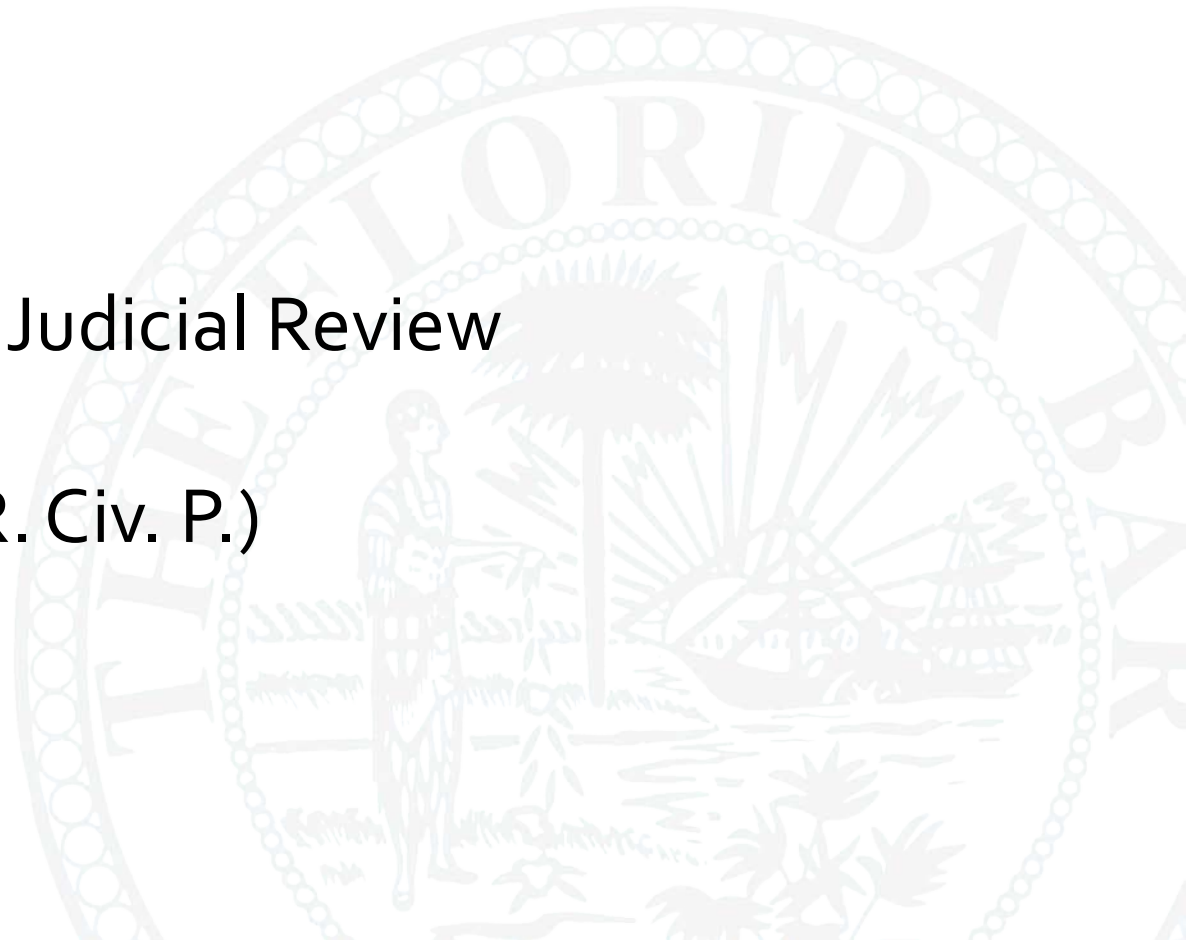
- No Probable Cause
- No Probable Cause with Letter of Advice
- Diversion
 - Ethics School
 - Trust Accounting Workshop
 - Florida Lawyers Assistance, Inc.
 - Advertising Workshop
 - Professionalism Workshop
 - Stress Management Workshop
 - Diversion/Discipline Consultation Service (DDCS)
 - Additional CLE Hours
- Minor Misconduct
- Probable Cause



Supreme Court of Florida

Pretrial Process

- Complaint Drafting and Filing
- Guilty Plea
- Appointment of Judicial Review
- Discovery (Fla. R. Civ. P.)



Supreme Court of Florida Trial Process

- Complaint & Answer
- Final Hearing
- Hearing on Sanctions
- Report of Referee
- Supreme Court Review
- Issues Final Order



Appellate Process at Supreme Court

- Petition for Review
- Burden on appeal

