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Why do you think Lee Gore failed to obtain admission to the Florida Bar Association? As long as Lee has been a lawyer, don't you think he should have understood the importance getting a license where he is working?

Name withheld with request

Dear Name withheld,

Yes, Gore should have understood the importance of getting a license in Florida. At this point, however, we don't know why he failed to get a license.

While I am not a lawyer in Florida or anywhere else, it appears to me that practicing law without a license is a serious matter -- a felony under Florida law. The interesting question is whether the Florida Bar Association will give him a "pass" on the complaint or take action under Florida law. Section 1. Section 454.23, Florida Statutes, as amended provides "Penalties. — Any person not licensed or otherwise authorized to practice law in this state who practices law in this state ... , or willfully takes or uses any name, title, addition, or description implying that he or she is qualified, or recognized by law as qualified, to practice law in this state, commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084." The punishment is a term of imprisonment of 5 years.

As usmnews.net has more information, expect additional reports.