



SUPREME COURT OF GEORGIA
Case No. S00Y0268.

Atlanta JAN 19 2000

The Honorable Supreme Court met pursuant to adjournment.

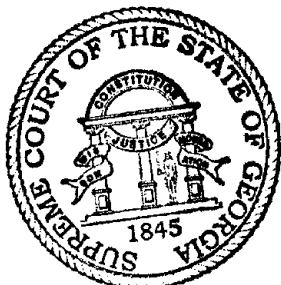
The following order was passed:

IN THE MATTER OF KEVIN F. FORIER

This disciplinary matter is before the Court on Respondent Kevin F. Forier's Petition for Voluntary Discipline, which he filed pursuant to Bar Rule 4-227 (b) (2) prior to the issuance of a Formal Complaint. In his petition, Forier admits to having violated Standard 25 (lawyer shall not practice in a jurisdiction where to do so would be in violation of regulations of the profession in that jurisdiction) of Bar Rule 4-102 (d), and asks this Court to accept his petition and impose a Review Panel reprimand. The State Bar assents to Forier's request. Having reviewed the record in this case, we agree that under the circumstances, a Review Panel reprimand is the appropriate sanction.

Forier admits that he failed to meet the Mandatory Continuing Legal Education requirements for 1996 and, although he attended two seminars to remedy the deficiency, he failed to pay the registration fees despite notification that certification of attendance would be withdrawn if he did not. Forier was suspended from practice on January 16, 1998 due to the deficiency but nevertheless entered an appearance for a client on January 28, 1999 and filed a notice of appeal on her behalf on March 10, 1999. Forier received a copy of a letter from the trial judge to the Court of Appeals notifying it that Forier was not authorized to practice law, resulting in his client's having to proceed pro se. Forier took a leave of absence from his employment and attended seminars to comply with the requirements, and was reinstated to practice on April 15, 1999. In mitigation of his conduct Forier asserts that he has had no prior discipline; did not have a selfish or dishonest motive; cooperated with disciplinary authorities; experienced personal and financial problems that caused difficulties in sustaining his practice; and is remorseful for his conduct.

Accordingly, it is hereby ordered that the Review Panel administer a Review Panel reprimand at its next meeting declaring Forier's conduct to be improper. Bar Rule 4-102 (b) (4).



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Clerk's Office, Atlanta

I hereby certify that the above is a true extract from
the minutes of the Supreme Court of Georgia
Witness my signature and the seal of said court hereto
affixed the day and year last above written.

Theresa Stinchcomb, Chief Deputy Clerk