



SUPREME COURT OF GEORGIA

Case No. S98Y1003

Atlanta, May 1, 1998

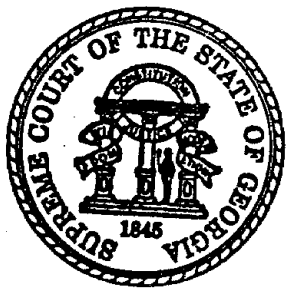
The Honorable Supreme Court met pursuant to adjournment.

The following order was passed:

IN THE MATTER OF GORDON L. JOYNER.

This disciplinary matter is before the Court on the special master's recommendation that the Court accept respondent Gordon L. Joyner's Petition for Voluntary Discipline and impose a public reprimand for Joyner's admitted violation of Standard 44 (wilful abandonment or disregard of a client's legal matter) of Bar Rule 4-102 (d). Joyner seeks the imposition of a Review Panel or Public Reprimand. The State Bar recommends acceptance of the petition with the imposition of a Public Reprimand.

Joyner filed his Petition for Voluntary Discipline following the State Bar's Formal Complaint against him alleging violations of Standards 4 (professional conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or wilful misrepresentation); 44 (wilful abandonment or disregard of a client's legal matter); and 45 (b), (e), and (f) (knowingly making a false statement of law or fact; knowingly engaging in other illegal conduct or conduct contrary to a disciplinary rule; and instituting, causing to be instituted or settling a legal proceeding or claim without obtaining proper authorization from the client) of Bar Rule 4-102 (d). Joyner admits he violated Standard 44 when he filed a lawsuit on behalf of a client and subsequently failed to inform the client of or seek authorization from the client for subsequent proceedings, including failing to respond to discovery, filing motions and an appeal without the client's knowledge, and failing to inform the client of the court's orders regarding the case. In mitigation of his admitted violation of Standard 44, Joyner shows that he has paid the judgment that was entered against his client by virtue of Joyner's disregard of the case. We have reviewed the record and agree with the special master's recommendation. Accordingly, it is hereby ordered that for his violations of Standard 44 of Bar Rule 4-102 (d), respondent Gordon L. Joyner be administered a public reprimand in open court pursuant to Bar Rules 4-102 (b) (3) and 4-220 (c) by a judge of the superior court where Joyner resides or where his disciplinary infractions occurred.




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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.

, Chief Deputy Clerk