

SUPREME COURT OF GEORGIA

ATLANTA JUL 03 1991

The Honorable Supreme Court met pursuant to adjournment.

The following order was passed:

IN THE MATTER OF DOUGLAS W. MITCHELL, III.
(Supreme Court Disciplinary No.859)

Douglas W. Mitchell, III, petitioned the State Disciplinary Board for voluntary discipline arising from violation of Standard 69 of State Bar Rule 4-102. Standard 69 forbids representing a client with interests adverse to those of a former client in matters substantially related to the prior representation without the consent of the former client. The petitioner had represented a husband and wife in several business transactions before he undertook to represent them both in a divorce action. He filed the divorce suit in the name of the wife, but later withdrew from the case. The State Bar complaint arose when the petitioner represented the husband in a bankruptcy action in which he sought to discharge the husband's alimony obligation to the wife without her consent.

The State Disciplinary Board accepted Mitchell's petition for voluntary discipline and a public reprimand. We approve the recommendation of the State Bar. Accordingly, it is ordered that Douglas W. Mitchell, III, receive a public reprimand.

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA,

CLERK'S OFFICE, ATLANTA

I 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.

Joline B. Williams

Clerk.