



SUPREME COURT OF GEORGIA
Case No. S97Y0337

Atlanta, January 17, 1997

The Honorable Supreme Court met pursuant to adjournment.

The following order was passed:

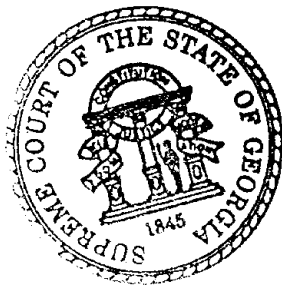
IN THE MATTER OF MICHAEL SCOTT FEINSTEIN

Pursuant to the finding of probable cause by the Investigative Panel of the State Disciplinary Board of the State Bar of Georgia, the State Bar of Georgia filed a formal complaint in which it charged respondent Michael Scott Feinstein with violating Standard 30 (failure, before accepting or continuing employment, to obtain written consent or give written notice after full disclosure to the client that the attorney's professional judgment will or reasonably may be affected by the attorney's financial, business, property or personal interests) and Standard 65(D) (withdrawal of funds from a trust account for personal use) of Rule 4-102 of the Rules and Regulations of the State Bar of Georgia. Prior to the evidentiary hearing before the Special Master appointed by this Court, Respondent filed a petition for voluntary discipline in which he admitted a violation of Standard 30, set forth mitigating factors, and suggested the imposition of a Public Reprimand as an appropriate level of discipline. The Special Master and the Review Panel recommend that the petition for voluntary discipline be accepted and that Respondent be subjected to the imposition of a Public Reprimand, and the Office of General Counsel of the State Bar believes that such action will serve the best interests of the public and the State Bar.

After reviewing the record and considering in mitigation Respondent's lack of prior discipline, his recognition of the seriousness of his actions, his regret for having taken those actions, and his emotional state due to the client's impending death, we agree with the Review Panel and the Special Master and accept Respondent's petition for voluntary discipline. We also agree that a public reprimand is appropriate discipline for Respondent's admitted violation of the Standards of Conduct. It is hereby ordered that the Review Panel, its Chairperson, or the

Chairperson's designee, prepare a public reprimand for Respondent's violations of Standard 30 and that said public reprimand be read in open court in Respondent's presence by a judge of the superior court of the county in which Respondent resides. Bar Rule 4-220(c).

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA
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.

Lynne M. Stinchcomb
Chief Deputy Clerk