

SUPREME COURT OF GEORGIA Case No. S05Y1877

Atlanta October 24, 2005

The Honorable Supreme Court met pursuant to adjournment. The following order was passed.

IN THE MATTER OF JAMES A. MEANEY III

This disciplinary matter is before the Court on the Review Panel's Report and Recommendation, recommending the imposition of a formal admonition as discipline reciprocal to that imposed by the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Supreme Court of Tennessee. See Rule 9.4(b)(3) of Rule 4-102 of the Georgia Rules of Professional Conduct. Respondent James A. Meaney III received a "Public Censure" in the Tennessee disciplinary process for failing to file a client's lawsuit within the statute of limitation and failing to communicate adequately with his client (violations of Georgia Rules 1.1, 1.3, and 1.4) and, in a separate case, for engaging in "conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice," which is not a offense subject to sanction in Georgia. The maximum penalty for violation of Rules 1.1 and 1.3 is disbarment, and for Rule 1.4 is a public reprimand. Inasmuch as the discipline imposed by Tennessee for these acts of misconduct is less than that which could be imposed by this Court, this Court orders that James A. Meaney III receive a Private Reprimand for his violation of Georgia Rules 1.1, 1.3, and 1.4.

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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.

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