



SUPREME COURT OF GEORGIA
Case No. S05Y0241.

Atlanta November 22, 2004

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

IN THE MATTER OF LECORA BOWEN.

This disciplinary matter is before the Court on the Petition for Voluntary Discipline filed by Respondent Lecora Bowen in which she seeks the imposition of a Review Panel reprimand for her admitted violations of Rules 1.15 (I) (b) and 9.3 of Bar Rule 4-102 (d) of the Georgia Rules of Professional Conduct. The maximum penalty for a violation of Rule 1.15 (I) (b) is disbarment while the maximum penalty for a violation of Rule 9.3 is a public reprimand. The State Bar recommends that this Court accept Bowen's petition.

In the petition, Bowen admits that in September 2001, she was retained to close a real estate loan and received a check for \$37,500, which was included in the loan package from the bank, and that although the loan did not close at her office as scheduled and the bank made repeated requests to her for a return of the funds, she failed to return the funds until January 2002 after a grievance was filed with the State Bar of Georgia. Bowen also admits that she failed to file a sworn response to the Notice of Investigation and thereby violated Rule 9.3.

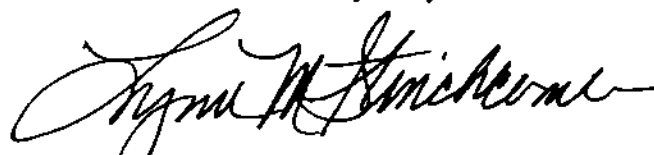
We have reviewed the record and agree with the State Bar that Bowen's Petition for Voluntary Discipline should be accepted. In mitigation of discipline, we note that Bowen has no prior disciplinary record; has been forthright and cooperative with the State Bar in this matter; and states that she is remorseful for failing to properly maintain her trust account. Accordingly, it hereby is ordered that for her violations of Rules 1.15 (I) (b) and 9.3 of Bar Rule 4-102 (d), Lecora Bowen be administered a Review Panel reprimand pursuant to Bar Rules 4-102 (b) (4) and 4-220 (b).



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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