

SUPREME COURT OF GEORGIA

Case No. S99Y0209.

Atlanta DEC 0 4 1998

The Honorable Supreme Court met pursuant to adjournment.

The following order was passed:

IN THE MATTER OF DAVID G. HAMMOCK

This disciplinary proceeding is before the Court on Respondent Hammock's Amended Petition for Voluntary Discipline, in which Hammock admits violating Standards 44 (wilful abandonment or disregard of a client's legal matter) and 68 (failure to respond in accordance with the State Disciplinary Board rules to disciplinary authorities) of Bar Rule 4-102 (d), and seeks the imposition of a Public Reprimand with conditions. The State Bar recommends acceptance of the petition and the special master also has filed a report recommending the imposition of a Public Reprimand with conditions.

Hammock filed his Amended Petition for Voluntary Discipline following the State Bar's Formal Complaint against him alleging violations of Standards 44 and 68 of Bar Rule 4-102 (d). Hammock and the State Bar also filed a Joint Stipulation of Facts and Conduct in the case. Hammock admits he violated Standards 44 and 68 by failing to adequately notify a former client that Hammock had dismissed the client's personal injury suit without prejudice and had not re-filed the case.

We have reviewed the record and agree with the special master's recommendation that Hammock receive a public reprimand with conditions. Accordingly, it is hereby ordered that for his violations of Standards 44 and 68 of Bar Rule 4-102 (d), respondent David G. Hammock 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 Hammock resides or where his disciplinary infractions occurred, and that Hammock comply with the following conditions: (1) that he contact the Law Practice Management Program of the State Bar for their assistance in his practice of law; (2) that he request assistance from and cooperate with the State Bar on the recommendations made by the Law Practice Management Program; (3) that he take twelve hours of additional CLE courses above and beyond the courses required by the Bar with at least six hours in legal ethics; (4) that he perform twenty hours of pro bono work within the next twelve months; and (5) that he certify his compliance with each of these conditions to the State Bar of Georgia and this Court.



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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.

Tynn M Stinckeml, Chief Deputy Clerk