



SUPREME COURT OF GEORGIA

Case No. S97Y1785.

Atlanta February 9, 1998

The Honorable Supreme Court met pursuant to adjournment.

The following order was passed:

IN THE MATTER OF JOHN M. CREVIS, JR.

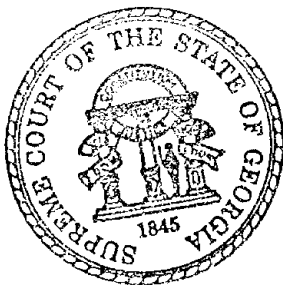
This disciplinary proceeding is before the Court on the special master's recommendation that the Court accept respondent John M. Crevis, Jr.'s Petition for Voluntary Discipline, in which Crevis admits violating Standard 45 (f) of Bar Rule 4-102 (d) (settling a legal claim without obtaining proper authorization from a client), and seeks the imposition of a Review Panel reprimand. The State Bar recommends acceptance of the petition.

Crevis filed his Petition for Voluntary Discipline following the State Bar's Formal Complaint against him alleging violations of Standards 4 (professional conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or wilful misrepresentation) and 45 (f). Crevis admits he violated Standard 45 (f) of Bar Rule 4-102 (d) in settling his client's case without her authorization. In mitigation of his admitted violation of Standard 45 (d), Crevis shows: (1) he has not received any prior discipline; (2) he was not motivated by dishonesty or selfishness; (3) he has cooperated with disciplinary authorities during the course of the investigation in this case; (4) he diligently worked and appeared on his client's behalf in her case; (5) he negotiated a settlement on his client's behalf which he agreed was a good one, considering her former husband's claims against her; (6) he regrets his decision to settle the case without proper authorization. The State Bar agrees that the foregoing constitute mitigating factors for consideration in determining the appropriate sanction. See ABA Standards for Imposing Lawyer Sanctions (1991), Standard 9.32 (a); (b); (e); (l).


We have reviewed the record and agree with the special master's recommendation that we accept Crevis' petition for voluntary discipline. Accordingly, it is hereby ordered that the Review Panel administer a Review Panel reprimand, declaring Crevis' conduct to be improper. Bar Rule 4-102 (4).

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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