

In the Supreme Court of Georgia

Decided:

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S05Y0282. IN THE MATTER OF ELIZABETH REBECCA PALMER.

PER CURIAM.

This disciplinary matter is before the Court pursuant to the report and recommendation of a special master who was appointed pursuant to Bar Rule 4-106 (a) to recommend the appropriate discipline for Respondent Elizabeth Rebecca Palmer's violation of Rule 8.4 (a) (2) of the Georgia Rules of Professional Conduct as set out in Bar Rule 4-102 (d). Because Palmer, though properly served, has not responded to the allegations nor made an appearance in these proceedings, we accept the report and recommendation which found that Palmer, who has been a member of the State Bar of Georgia since 1999, was adjudged guilty on March 3, 2004 by a North Carolina jury on five felony counts of embezzlement and four felony counts of uttering a forged document in violation of North Carolina law. See N.C Stat. § 14-90 and N.C. Stat. § 14-120. These convictions constitute a violation of Rule 8.4 (a) (2) of Bar Rule 4-102 (d). Because the maximum penalty for a violation of Rule 8.4 (a) (2) is

disbarment and because we find no mitigating circumstances that would dictate a lesser sanction, we accept the recommendation of the special master that disbarment is the appropriate sanction in this case. Accordingly, we hereby order that the name of Elizabeth Rebecca Palmer be removed from the rolls of persons entitled to practice law in the State of Georgia. Palmer is reminded of her duties under Bar Rule 4-219 (c).

Disbarred. All the Justices concur.