

SUPREME COURT OF GEORGIA

ATLANTA

MAY 10 1996

The Honorable Supreme Court met pursuant to adjournment.

The following order was passed:

S95Y1231. In the Matter of Michael D. Bolen

The Investigative Panel of the State Disciplinary Board found probable cause to believe that Respondent violated Standard 44 of State Bar Rule 4-102 by wilfully abandoning two unrelated legal matters being handled by him on behalf of one client. As a consequence of that abandonment, a federal tax claim and a civil rights claim of the client were dismissed and the client suffered a judgment for attorney fees in the civil rights action. In mitigation, the Investigative Panel found that Respondent made an effort to have the judgment for attorney fees set aside, admitting in the process that he had abandoned that claim, and made full disclosure and cooperated in these disciplinary proceedings, and that he has not previously been sanctioned for a disciplinary matter. The Investigative Panel recommended to this court that Respondent receive a reprimand by the Review Panel of the State Bar Disciplinary Board. We agree with the Investigative Panel's recommendation. The Review Panel of the State Bar Disciplinary Board shall administer a reprimand to Michael D. Bolen.

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA,

CLERK'S OFFICE, ATLANTA

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.

Lynda M. Stinchcomb, Chief Deputy Clerk.

