



SUPREME COURT OF GEORGIA

Case No. S99Y1616.

Atlanta

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The Honorable Supreme Court met pursuant to adjournment.

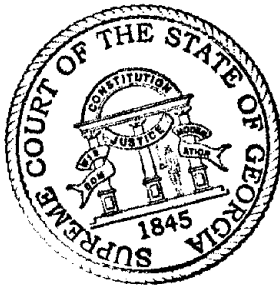
The following order was passed:

IN THE MATTER OF VAN JOHN KOTTIS

This disciplinary proceeding is before the Court on Respondent Van John Kottis' Petition for Voluntary Discipline in which Kottis admits violating Standard 12 (a lawyer shall not solicit professional employment as a private practitioner for himself, his partner or associate through direct personal contact with a non-lawyer who has not sought his advice regarding employment of a lawyer) of Bar Rule 4-102 (d) and seeks imposition of a Public Reprimand.

Kottis filed his Petition subsequent to the receipt of two Notices of Investigation regarding separate grievants and alleging violations of Standard 12. Kottis admits that he violated Standard 12 by conducting telephone solicitation from information obtained from motor vehicle accident reports. In mitigation of discipline, Kottis notes that his office no longer solicits from motor vehicle accident reports and has not done so since October 1998; after receipt of the grievances, he sent letters apologizing for any discomfort caused by the telephone contact; and he has made full and free disclosure to the Office of General Counsel and has displayed a cooperative attitude throughout the proceedings.

We have reviewed the record and agree with Kottis that the imposition of a Public Reprimand is appropriate. Accordingly, it is hereby ordered that, for his violation of Standard 12 of Bar Rule 4-102 (d), Respondent Van John Kottis 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 Kottis resides or in the county where his disciplinary infraction occurred.




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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