



**SUPREME COURT OF GEORGIA**

Case No. S03Y0623

Atlanta February 24, 2003

The Honorable Supreme Court met pursuant to adjournment.

The following order was passed:

**IN THE MATTER OF SHANNON WILLIAMS.**

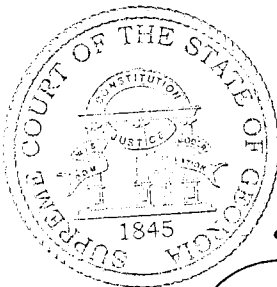
This disciplinary matter is before the Court on the Report and Recommendation of the special master who recommends accepting Respondent Shannon Williams' petition for voluntary discipline, which he filed pursuant to Bar Rule 4-227 (c) after the State Bar filed a Formal Complaint against him on five counts, including an allegation that Williams violated Standard 45 (b) of Bar Rule 4-102 (d). In his petition, Williams admits to violating Standard 45 (b) and requests the imposition of a Review Panel reprimand. The State Bar also recommends accepting Williams' petition and notes that after conducting extensive discovery and investigation in the matter, it would move to dismiss all counts except as to Standard 45 (b) should the special master convene a hearing.

Williams admits that a client hired him in a child support action and paid the requested fee. Williams filed the complaint, attaching a verification to which he signed the client's name and also signed as the notary public. While Williams conduct violates Standard 45 (b), which is punishable by disbarment, we note in mitigation of discipline that Williams has no prior disciplinary record, he had no selfish or dishonest motive, he made a timely good faith effort to rectify the consequences of his action, and he has made full and free disclosure to the disciplinary board and shown a cooperative attitude towards the proceedings.

We have reviewed the record and agree that a Review Panel reprimand is an appropriate sanction in this case. Accordingly, we hereby order that Shannon Williams be administered a Review Panel reprimand pursuant to Bar Rules 4-102 (b) (4) and 4-220 (b).

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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