



SUPREME COURT OF GEORGIA

Case No. S01Y0294.

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The Honorable Supreme Court met pursuant to adjournment.

The following order was passed:

IN THE MATTER OF ANN PORGES-DODSON

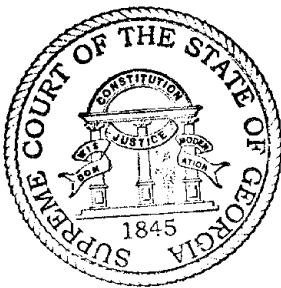
This disciplinary matter is before the Court pursuant to the Report and Recommendation of the special master who recommends accepting Respondent Ann Porges-Dodson's petition for voluntary discipline which she filed pursuant to Bar Rule 4-227 (c) after the issuance of a Formal Complaint. In the Formal Complaint, the State Bar alleged that Respondent violated Standards 44 (wilful abandonment or disregard of a legal matter to the client's detriment); 22 (b) (withdrawal from employment without taking reasonable steps to avoid foreseeable prejudice to the rights of her client, including giving due notice to the client, allowing time for employment of other counsel, and complying with applicable laws and rules); and 68 (failure to respond to disciplinary authorities in accordance with disciplinary rules) of Bar Rule 4-102 (d). The violation of Standard 44 may be punished by disbarment, while the violations of Standards 22 (b) and 68 may be punished by public reprimand.

In her petition, Respondent admitted that she violated Standards 22 (b) and 68 only and requested as discipline that she: (1) receive a Review Panel reprimand; (2) be directed to attend the next session of Ethics School offered by the State Bar of Georgia; and (3) be required to return all papers and property to which the aggrieved client is entitled. Based on a review of the record, the Court concludes that Respondent has violated Standards 22 (b) and 68 of Bar Rule 4-102 (d) and that the appropriate sanctions in this case are as proposed by the Petition for Voluntary Discipline. Accordingly, it is hereby ordered that for her violations of Standards 22 (b) and 68 of Bar Rule 4-102 (d), Ann Porges-Dodson be administered a Review

Panel reprimand pursuant to Bar Rules 4-102 (b) (4) and 4-220 (b); that she attend the next session of "Ethics School" offered by the State Bar of Georgia; and that she immediately return all papers and property to which the aggrieved client is entitled.

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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