

SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA

NO. 08-OB-2472

IN RE: KENT MERCIER

ORDER

The Office of Disciplinary Counsel ("ODC") is conducting an investigation into allegations of serious professional misconduct by respondent, predicated upon his self-report that he converted client and third-party funds. Respondent now seeks to permanently resign from the practice of law in lieu of discipline. The ODC has concurred in respondent's petition.

Having considered the Petition for Permanent Resignation from the Practice of Law filed by Kent Mercier, Louisiana Bar Roll number 18338, and the concurrence thereto filed by the ODC,

IT IS ORDERED that the request of Kent Mercier for permanent resignation in lieu of discipline be and is hereby granted, pursuant to Supreme Court Rule XIX, § 20.1 and Rule 5.5(c) of the Rules of Professional Conduct, as amended March 24, 2004.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Kent Mercier shall be permanently prohibited from practicing law in Louisiana or in any other jurisdiction in which he is admitted to the practice of law; shall be permanently prohibited from seeking readmission to the practice of law in this state or in any other jurisdiction in which he is admitted; and shall be permanently prohibited from seeking admission to the practice of law in any jurisdiction.

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, this _____ day of November, 2008.

FOR THE COURT:

JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA