



SUPREME COURT OF GEORGIA
Case No. S00Y0278.

Atlanta

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The Honorable Supreme Court met pursuant to adjournment.

The following order was passed:

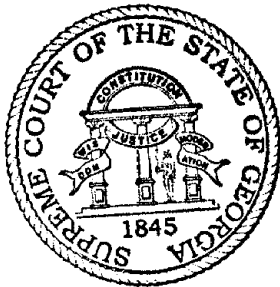
IN THE MATTER OF CHARLES E. BAGLEY, JR.

This disciplinary proceeding is before the Court on the special master's recommendation that the Court accept respondent Charles E. Bagley, Jr.'s Petition for Voluntary Discipline, in which Bagley admits violating Standard 68 of Bar Rule 4-102 (d) (failing to respond to disciplinary authorities during the investigation of a grievance), and seeks the imposition of a public reprimand. The State Bar recommends acceptance of the petition.

Bagley filed his Petition for Voluntary Discipline following the State Bar's Formal Complaint against him alleging violations of Standards 44 (wilfully abandoning or disregarding a legal matter entrusted to a lawyer) and 68. In his timely response to the formal complaint, Bagley admitted he violated Standard 68, but denied any violation of Standard 44. Noting in aggravation that Bagley has received prior discipline in that his license was suspended for one month by order of this Court in another matter, see In the Matter of Bagley, 267 Ga. 311 (477 SE2d 834) (1996), the State Bar nevertheless acknowledges and agrees that the maximum sanction for a violation of Standard 68 is a public reprimand, the sanction requested by Bagley in his petition.

We agree with the special master's recommendation that we accept Bagley's petition for voluntary discipline. Accordingly, it is hereby ordered that Bagley be issued a public reprimand for violating Standard 68, and that, pursuant to Bar Rule 4-220 (c), such reprimand be administered in open court by the chief judge of the superior court of the county in which Bagley resides.

Public reprimand. All the Justices concur.



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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