



SUPREME COURT OF GEORGIA
Case No. S04Y1597.

Atlanta September 10, 2004

The Honorable Supreme Court met pursuant to adjournment.

The following order was passed:

IN THE MATTER OF JERRY BOYKIN.

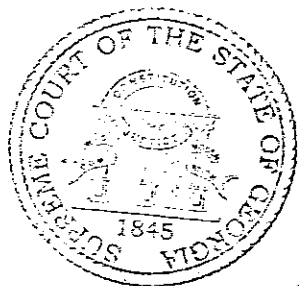
This disciplinary matter is before the Court pursuant to the Report and Recommendation ("R&R") of a special master on Respondent Jerry Boykin's petition for voluntary discipline which he filed pursuant to Bar Rule 4-227 (c) after the State Bar filed a formal complaint. The special master recommends that the Court accept Boykin's petition and that we impose a Review Panel Reprimand for his admitted violation of Rule 1.4 of the Rules of Professional Conduct found in Bar Rule 4-102 (d).

The record reflects that Respondent, a member of the Bar since 1973, met with an individual regarding the possibility of representing her in two separate matters; that although he never prepared or signed any contracts of representation with the individual, he did send a letter to her medical provider seeking medical records and stating that he represented her; that he received no response to his letter; that ultimately he decided not to represent the individual on either matter; that he did not communicate this decision to the individual, but informed his office staff to do so in the event she again contacted the office; and that the individual's expectation that he would represent her resulted from his failure to notify her of his decision not to represent her.

We find that Respondent's failure to notify this individual of his decision is a violation of Rule 1.4. In mitigation, we find that Respondent had no intent to harm the person in the prosecution of her two claims; that he had no dishonest or selfish motive; that he cooperated in the disciplinary proceedings; and that he is truly sorry for any pain he caused the individual. Based on the above, we

agree with the Respondent, the State Bar and the special master that Boykin has violated Rule 1.4 of the Rules of Professional Conduct found in Bar Rule 4-102 (d). We further agree that the appropriate sanction in this case is as proposed by Respondent. Accordingly, it hereby is ordered that for his violation of Rule 1.4, Jerry Boykin be administered a Review Panel reprimand pursuant to Bar Rules 4-102 (b) (4) and 4-220 (b).

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA
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.

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Lynn M. Gresham".

, Chief Deputy Clerk