



**SUPREME COURT OF GEORGIA**

Case No. S05Y0688

Atlanta      March 28, 2005

The Honorable Supreme Court met pursuant to adjournment.  
The following order was passed:

**IN THE MATTER OF BONNIE MICHELLE SMITH.**

This disciplinary matter is before the Court pursuant to Respondent Bonnie Michelle Smith's petition for voluntary discipline, which she filed pursuant to Bar Rule 4-227 (b) prior to the filing of a Formal Complaint. In the petition, Smith, who has been a member of the Bar since 2001, admits that, after she was named as a defendant in a lawsuit filed in a Georgia superior court, she removed the suit to federal court, and answered the complaint and filed counterclaims; that the suit was remanded back to the superior court, which subsequently granted summary judgment to the plaintiffs on all claims; and that she unsuccessfully appealed the decision, see Smith v. Jones, \_\_ Ga. \_\_ (604 SE2d 187) (2004). She admits further that, by removing the action and by appealing the trial court's grant of summary judgment, she violated Rule 3.1 (b) of Bar Rule 4-102 (d), the maximum penalty for which is a public reprimand. Smith requests a Review Panel Reprimand, however, and the State Bar has indicated that it has no objection.

After a review of the record, this Court accepts the facts and violation as admitted by Smith, and finds in mitigation that Smith has had no prior disciplinary record; that she fully cooperated with disciplinary authorities in these proceedings; and that she has exhibited good moral character and has a good reputation in the community. Based on the record, therefore, this Court accepts Respondent's petition for voluntary discipline and imposes, pursuant to Bar Rule 4-102 (b) (4), a Review Panel reprimand for her violation of Rule 3.1 (b) of the Georgia Rules of Professional Conduct as set out in Bar Rule 4-102 (d).

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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