SUPREME COURT OF GEORGIA



Case No. S09Y0143

Atlanta January 26, 2009

The Honorable Supreme Court met pursuant to adjournment.

The following order was passed:

IN THE MATTER OF MARA SACKS DEWRELL

This disciplinary matter is before the Court on the Report and Recommendation of the Special Master, Martin L. Cowen III, who recommends acceptance of Mara Sacks Dewrell's petition for voluntary discipline and imposition of a public reprimand for Dewrell's violation of Rule 5.3 of the Georgia Rules of Professional Conduct found in Bar Rule 4-102 (d).

After considering the voluntary petition and the State Bar's response, which agreed that a public reprimand was an appropriate sanction, the Special Master issued his report finding that Dewrell was admitted to the bar in 2000; in 2001 she participated in the formation of a real estate closing practice that became a large multi-state practice; Dewrell's firm had over 10,000 transactions per year; from 2004 to 2006, Dewrell failed to ensure that her staff used only lawyers to close Georgia real estate transactions; less than ten transactions per year involved a non-lawyer closing; there is no suggestion that Dewrell or her firm has committed any crime; and Dewrell has accepted responsibility for her actions.

After reviewing the record, the Court hereby accepts the Special Master's recommendation and accepts the petition for voluntary discipline. Accordingly, it is hereby ordered that Mara Sacks Dewrell receive a public reprimand in accordance with Bar Rule 4-102 (b) (3).

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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.

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, Chief Deputy Clerk