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SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA

NO. 11-OB-0729

IN RE: EDDIE DOUGLAS AUSTIN, JR.

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ORDER

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The Office of Disciplinary Counsel (“ODC”) commenced an investigation into numerous complaints of serious professional misconduct filed against respondent. These matters involve allegations that respondent converted client funds to his own use, failed to communicate with his clients and neglected their legal matters, and charged excessive fees. 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 Eddie Douglas Austin, Jr., Louisiana Bar Roll number 19877, and the concurrence thereto filed by the ODC,

IT IS ORDERED that the request of Eddie Douglas Austin, Jr. for permanent resignation in lieu of discipline be and is hereby granted, pursuant to Supreme Court Rule XIX, § 20.1 and Rule 5.5 of the Rules of Professional Conduct.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Eddie Douglas Austin, Jr. 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.

FOR THE COURT:

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JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA