



SUPREME COURT OF GEORGIA
Case No. S05Y1240.

Atlanta June 30, 2005

The Honorable Supreme Court met pursuant to adjournment.

The following order was passed.

IN THE MATTER OF SUZANNE M. BOYKIN.

This disciplinary matter is before the Court on the petition for voluntary discipline filed by Respondent Suzanne M. Boykin prior to the issuance of a Formal Complaint pursuant to Bar Rule 4-227 (b). In the petition, Ms. Boykin seeks a Review Panel Reprimand for her admitted violations of Rules 1.3 and 1.4 of Bar Rule 4-102 (d) of the Georgia Rules of Professional Conduct. The maximum penalty for a violation of Rule 1.3 is disbarment while the maximum penalty for a violation of Rule 1.4 is a public reprimand.

Ms. Boykin states that she was retained by a client's wife in June 2003 to represent the client in a criminal matter; that she was paid \$600 in attorney's fees; and that she agreed to file a Motion to Modify Sentence on the client's behalf. Although Ms. Boykin drafted the motion in June 2003 and spoke with the client's wife repeatedly from June 2003 until May 2004, Ms. Boykin did not file the motion until May 17, 2004. After the client's wife discovered on May 18, 2004 that the motion had not been filed until May 17, 2004, she terminated Ms. Boykin's services and Ms. Boykin provided her with a copy of the client's file and returned the attorney's fees. Ms. Boykin also states in her petition that she is deeply remorseful for the harm she has caused. The State Bar filed a response recommending that the Court accept Ms. Boykin's petition.

After a review of the record, this Court accepts the facts and violations as admitted by Ms. Boykin. While the Court finds in aggravation of discipline that Ms. Boykin received a letter of formal admonition in June 2001 in another disciplinary proceeding, the Court notes in mitigation of discipline Ms. Boykin's full disclosure to the disciplinary board, her timely good faith effort to make restitution, and her remorse. Accordingly, this

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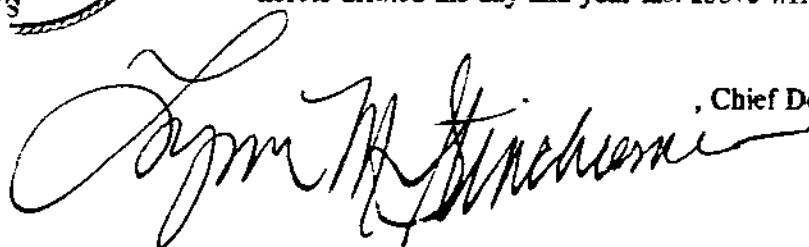
Court accepts Ms. Boykin's petition for voluntary discipline and orders that a Review Panel reprimand be administered pursuant to Bar Rule 4-102 (b) (4) for Ms. Boykin's violations of Rules 1.3 and 1.4 of Bar Rule 4-102 (d) of the Georgia Rules of Professional Conduct.



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Clerk's Office, Atlanta

I 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