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S94Y0639. IN THE MATTER OF: HILTON WALLACE MCDONALD
 (S.D.B. Doc. No. 2681)

The State Bar of Georgia has filed a petition for emergency suspension against the Respondent. This petition stems from two cases which are presently pending before this Court, eight cases which are pending before the Investigative Panel of the State Disciplinary Board, and two cases which are pending before the State Bar's Office of General Counsel. The cases allege, generally, that Respondent: (1) abandoned client matters; (2) failed to notify clients upon receipt of funds; (3) failed to maintain complete client records and to deliver such records to clients; (4) committed forgery; (5) committed theft of trust funds; (6) commingled client and personal funds; (7) engaged in conduct involving deceit, fraud, dishonesty, willful misrepresentation, and moral turpitude; (8) knowingly engaged in illegal conduct or conduct contrary to a disciplinary rule; and (9) failed to respond to disciplinary authorities.

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Respondent posed a substantial threat of harm to his clients and the public, and recommended that the petition for emergency suspension be granted and Respondent be suspended accordingly.

The recommendation of the Special Master is hereby accepted and adopted by this Court. The Respondent is hereby suspended from the practice of law in this State until such time as all disciplinary proceedings and grievances now pending against him are concluded. Respondent is reminded of his duties under Bar Rule 4-219(c) to timely notify all clients of his inability to represent them, to take all actions necessary to protect the interest of his clients, and to certify to this Court that he has satisfied the requirements of such rule.

All the Justices concur.