



SUPREME COURT OF GEORGIA

Atlanta **SEP 11 1998**

The Honorable Supreme Court met pursuant to adjournment.

The following order was passed:

S98Y1465. IN THE MATTER OF JACK O. MORSE.

S98Y1468. IN THE MATTER OF JACK O. MORSE

There are two disciplinary proceedings before the Court on this Petition for Voluntary Discipline of the respondent, Jack O. Morse. The State Bar filed Formal Complaints in both cases after the Review Panel made a finding of probable cause that he had violated Standards 22(b) (failing to follow the proper rules for withdrawal including notice to the client and delivery of client files to the client), and 32 (prohibiting loans to clients except in limited circumstances relating to litigation costs) of Bar Rule 4-102 (d). In S98Y1465, respondent dismissed without his client's authority two lawsuits he had filed on behalf of the client. In S98Y1468, respondent loaned \$300, unrelated to any litigation expenses, to the father whose minor children respondent was representing. Respondent's infractions occurred during the same time period as those set forth in In the Matter of Morse, 266 Ga. 652 (470 SE2d 232) (1996). In that case, this Court on reconsideration, reduced the previously imposed six-month suspension to ninety days in light of mitigating circumstances Morse presented concerning the depression and suicide of his former partner around the time of the underlying events. Respondent admits that his conduct in these cases violated Standards 22 (b) and 32.

As sanction for his violations of Standards 22 (b) and 32, respondent requests he be administered a Review Panel reprimand with the conditions that he attend and successfully complete at his expense the "Ethics School" sponsored by the State Bar of Georgia and that he enroll by the 1998 fall semester (or as soon thereafter as his application for enrollment is accepted) and successfully complete at his expense an ethics course at Georgia State University which emphasizes the standards of conduct in Bar Rule 4-102. The State Bar is in agreement with the requested sanction.

Having reviewed the records and considered the mitigating factors in these cases, we agree that a Review Panel reprimand is the appropriate sanction in these cases. Accordingly, it is hereby ordered that Morse receive a Review Panel reprimand at the next meeting of the Review Panel, pursuant to Bar Rule 4-102 (b) (4). It is further ordered that Morse attend and successfully complete at his expense the "Ethics School" sponsored by the State Bar of Georgia

and that by the 1998 fall semester (or as soon thereafter as his application for enrollment is accepted), he enroll in and successfully complete at his expense an ethics course at Georgia State University which emphasizes the standards of conduct in Bar Rule 4-102.

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Clerk's Office, Atlanta



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.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Lynn M. Stinchcomb".

, Chief Deputy Clerk