

SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA

NO. 12-B-0371

IN RE: JOHN S. ALFORD

ATTORNEY DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

PER CURIAM\*

The Office of Disciplinary Counsel (“ODC”) commenced an investigation into allegations that, while under the influence of alcohol, respondent drove a motor vehicle without permission of the owner. Respondent subsequently pled no contest to a misdemeanor charge of unauthorized use of a vehicle. Prior to the institution of formal charges, respondent and the ODC submitted a joint petition for consent discipline. Having reviewed the petition,

IT IS ORDERED that the Petition for Consent Discipline be accepted and that John S. Alford, Louisiana Bar Roll number 31594, be suspended from the practice of law for a period of one year and one day. This suspension shall be deferred in its entirety, subject to respondent’s successful completion of a five-year period of probation governed by the terms and conditions set forth in the Petition for Consent Discipline. The probationary period shall commence from the date respondent and the ODC execute a formal probation plan. Any failure of respondent to comply with the conditions of probation, or any misconduct during the probationary period, may be grounds for making the deferred suspension executory, or imposing additional discipline, as appropriate.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all costs and expenses in the matter are assessed against respondent in accordance with Supreme Court Rule XIX, § 10.1,

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\* Chief Justice Kimball not participating in the opinion.

with legal interest to commence thirty days from the date of finality of this court's judgment until paid.