



SUPREME COURT OF GEORGIA

Case No. S98Y0766.

Atlanta **SEP 11 1998**

The Honorable Supreme Court met pursuant to adjournment.

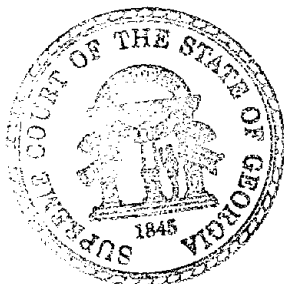
The following order was passed:

IN THE MATTER OF LLOYD E. THOMPSON

This disciplinary proceeding is before the Court on the special master's recommendation that the Court accept respondent Lloyd E. Thompson's Petition for Voluntary Discipline, in which Thompson admits violating Standard 31 (d) (1) (failure to put a contingent fee agreement in writing) and Standard 44 (wilful abandonment or disregard of a client's legal matter) of Bar Rule 4-102 (d), and seeks the imposition of a Public Reprimand. The State Bar recommends acceptance of the petition.

Thompson filed his Petition for Voluntary Discipline following the State Bar's Formal Complaint against him alleging violations of Standards 31 (d) (1) and 44 of Bar Rule 4-102 (d). Thompson admits he violated these standards when he agreed to handle, on a contingency fee basis, a client's personal injury case involving an automobile accident but failed to put this agreement in writing, and when he failed to file suit on behalf of the client prior to the expiration of the statute of limitations. In mitigation of his admitted violation of Standards 31 (d) (1) and 44, Thompson shows: (1) he has not received any prior discipline; (2) he was not motivated by dishonesty or selfishness; (3) he has cooperated with disciplinary authorities during the course of the investigation in this case; and (4) he regrets his misconduct. The State Bar agrees that the foregoing constitute mitigating factors for consideration in determining the appropriate sanction. See ABA Standards for Imposing Lawyer Sanctions (1991), Standard 9.32 (a); (b); (e); (l).

We have reviewed the record and agree with the special master's recommendation that we accept Thompson's petition for voluntary discipline. Accordingly, it is hereby ordered that for his violations of Standards 31(d) (1) and 44 of Bar Rule 4-102 (d), respondent Lloyd E. Thompson be administered a public reprimand in open court pursuant to Bar Rules 4-102 (b) (3) and 4-220 (c) by a judge of the superior court where Thompson resides or where his disciplinary infractions occurred.



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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.

Lynn M. Strickland, Chief Deputy Clerk