

SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA

NO. 13-B-1568

IN RE: NEIL D. SWEENEY

ATTORNEY DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

PER CURIAM

Respondent failed to properly supervise his non-lawyer employees, resulting in the mishandling of legal matters. Prior to the filing of formal charges, respondent and the Office of Disciplinary Counsel submitted a joint petition for consent discipline, in which the parties stipulated that respondent has violated Rule 5.3 of the Rules of Professional Conduct. Having reviewed the petition,

IT IS ORDERED that the Petition for Consent Discipline be accepted and that Neil D. Sweeney, Louisiana Bar Roll number 2136, be suspended from the practice of law for a period of one year. This suspension shall be deferred in its entirety, subject to respondent's successful completion of a two-year period of unsupervised probation governed by the 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, with legal interest to commence thirty days from the date of finality of this court's judgment until paid.