



**SUPREME COURT OF GEORGIA**  
Case No. S99Y0215.

Atlanta **NOV 20 1998**

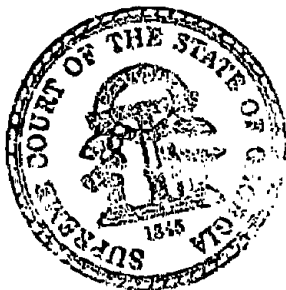
The Honorable Supreme Court met pursuant to adjournment.

The following order was passed:

**IN THE MATTER OF ARTHUR J. SHELFER, JR.**

This disciplinary proceeding is before the Court on the special master's recommendation that Respondent Arthur J. Shelfer receive a Letter of Formal Admonition. The State Bar filed a Formal Complaint against Shelfer charging him with two violations of Standard 69 (lawyer shall not represent a client whose interests are adverse to the interests of a former client in any matter substantially related to the matter in which the lawyer represented the former client unless he obtained the written consent of the former client after full disclosure) of Bar Rule 4-102 (d). The charges arose from Shelfer's 1990 representation of the husband in divorce proceeding and his subsequent 1996 and 1997 representation of the wife in contempt actions related to the divorce decree. We agree with the special master that Shelfer's conduct constitutes violations of Standard 69, but that Shelfer's violations were technical, resulting from negligence and failure to familiarize himself with the proper State Bar standards of conduct. We also agree with the special master that Shelfer's cooperation with disciplinary authorities; that he did not act dishonestly or fraudulently; and that he did not gain monetarily from the violations, nor did his former client suffer monetarily, warrant imposing the sanction of a Letter of Formal Admonition.

Accordingly, it is hereby ordered that Shelfer receive a Letter of Formal Admonition and that he attend the State Bar Ethics School within 90 days from the date of this Order, or as soon as a class is available. Bar Rule 4-207.



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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.

*Lyne M. Stuckcomb*, Chief Deputy Clerk