



**SUPREME COURT OF GEORGIA**

Case No. S98Y0945.

Atlanta, May 1, 1998

The Honorable Supreme Court met pursuant to adjournment.

The following order was passed:

**IN THE MATTER OF WILLIAM N. ROBBINS**

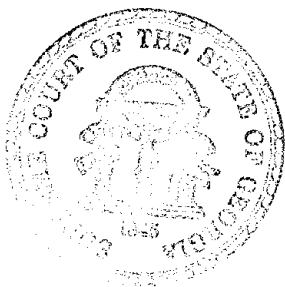
This disciplinary proceeding is before the Court on the special master's recommendation that the Court accept respondent William N. Robbins' Petition for Voluntary Discipline in which Robbins admits violating Standard 22 (b) (upon withdrawal lawyer shall deliver to the client all papers and property to which the client is entitled) of Bar Rule 4-102 (d), and agrees to imposition of a Review Panel reprimand. The State Bar recommends acceptance of the petition and imposition of a Review Panel reprimand.

Robbins filed his Petition for Voluntary Discipline following the State Bar's Formal Complaint against him alleging that, having been discharged by clients in a personal injury matter, he failed to return photographs belonging to the clients as part of their file. Although Robbins contends the failure to return the photographs was an inadvertent and unintentional omission, this Court takes note of the fact that upon making a diligent and thorough search of his client files during the pendency of the disciplinary proceeding, Robbins was able to locate the photographs. In mitigation of his admitted violation of Standard 22 (b), this Court agrees that Robbins cooperated fully with the State Bar in these proceedings; however, the Court rejects Robbins' request that he not be subject to the discretionary power of Bar Rule 4-103 despite his three prior disciplinary violations. This Court agrees with the State Bar and the special master that Robbins' three prior discipline violations must be taken into consideration. Nor should this Court's decision to accept one of the sanctions requested by Robbins in his Voluntary Petition be considered in any way an endorsement or acceptance of the positions set forth therein or of the arguments made by Robbins in mitigation. Instead, this Court agrees with the special master that, upon weighing all the factors involved in this case, Robbins' conduct, though inappropriate, is not such that cries out for the harsh hand of punishment.

We have reviewed the record and agree with the special master's recommendation that we accept Robbins' Petition for Voluntary Discipline. Accordingly, it is hereby ordered that the Review Panel administer a Review Panel reprimand declaring Robbins' conduct to be improper. Bar Rule 4-102 (b) (4).

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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.

, Chief Deputy Clerk