



SUPREME COURT OF GEORGIA

Case No. S06Y1749

Atlanta October 16, 2006

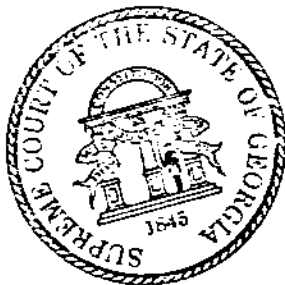
The Honorable Supreme Court met pursuant to adjournment.

The following order was passed:

IN THE MATTER OF DEREK M. WRIGHT

This disciplinary matter is before the Court on Derek M. Wright's petition for voluntary discipline in which he seeks a Review Panel Reprimand and a requirement that he attend the Bar's ethics school at his own expense. Wright, who was admitted in 1995, admits that he filed a tort action on behalf of a client, but failed to respond to the defendant's discovery requests and motions, failed to comply with a court order, failed to appear at a scheduled hearing, failed to inform his client that her action had been dismissed and then lied to the Investigative Panel in an attempt to excuse his failure to attend the court hearing. Such conduct violates Rules 1.3, 1.4, and 8.1 (a) of the Georgia Rules of Professional Conduct, part of Bar Rule 4-102 (d). Wright has no prior disciplinary record, and states he is genuinely remorseful and accepts responsibility for his misconduct. The State Bar and the Investigative Panel concur in the petition.

After a review of the record, we accept the petition and hereby direct that Wright receive a Review Panel Reprimand and that he attend the next scheduled session of the State Bar's ethics school at his own expense.



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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