



SUPREME COURT OF GEORGIA
Case No. S05Y0894

Atlanta April 26, 2005

The Honorable Supreme Court met pursuant to adjournment.

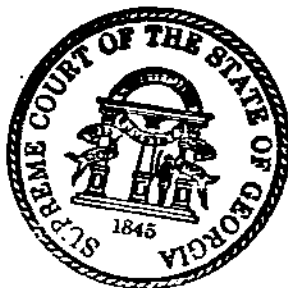
The following order was passed:

IN THE MATTER OF WILLIAM MADISON YATES, JR.

This matter is before the Court on the Amended Report of the Review Panel in which it accepted and approved the identical discipline of a public reprimand, which was issued against Respondent William Madison Yates, Jr. by the State Bar of South Carolina, see Bar Rule 9.4 (b) (3). Yates acknowledged service of the notice but did not respond.

In its order the Supreme Court of South Carolina found that Yates, who is both a doctor and a lawyer, treated an 18-year old patient with antidepressants and shortly thereafter accompanied the patient to dinner where he consumed alcoholic beverages. He then took the patient to his home and began to fondle and kiss the patient before she expressed her desire that he stop, after which she was picked up by friends and taken home. In 1999 the State Board of Medical Examiners of South Carolina publicly reprimanded Yates, fined him and indefinitely suspended his license to practice medicine pending successful completion of acceptable psychological and behavioral assessments. In 2002 the Board of Medical Examiners reinstated Yates' license in a probationary status until compliance with specified terms and conditions. Yates entered into an Agreement for Discipline by Consent with the South Carolina Disciplinary Counsel in which he agreed to comply with the terms of the Board of Medical Examiners' order and to the imposition of a sanction of either an admonition or a public reprimand. He admitted that he committed the criminal act of simple assault, which was a violation of South Carolina's disciplinary rules, and the South Carolina Supreme Court ordered that Yates be issued a public reprimand.

Under Bar Rule 9.4 (b) (4), a final adjudication in another jurisdiction establishes conclusively the misconduct for purposes of a disciplinary proceeding in this state. In accordance with the Rules, the Court hereby orders that William Madison Yates receive a public reprimand administered by a judge of a superior court in open court. Bar Rules 4-102 (b) (3); 4-220 (c).



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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.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Lynn M. Stucke".

, Chief Deputy Clerk