



**SUPREME COURT OF GEORGIA**

Case No. S05Y0759

Atlanta March 28, 2005

The Honorable Supreme Court met pursuant to adjournment.

The following order was passed:

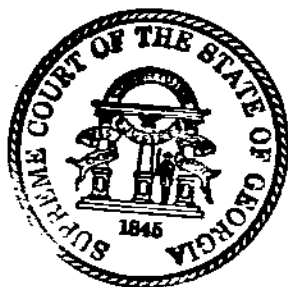
**IN THE MATTER OF ROBERT MICHAEL LEEN.**

This disciplinary matter is before the Court pursuant to the Report and Recommendation of the Review Panel of the State Disciplinary Board which recommends that Respondent Robert Michael Leen receive a Review Panel Reprimand, pursuant to Rule 9.4 (b) (1) of the Georgia Rules of Professional Conduct, see Bar Rule 4-102 (d). This recommendation arises out of Leen's having received a formal reprimand for stipulated violations of the state of Washington's Rules of Professional Conduct ("RPC"). In June 2004 Leen, who had been a member of the bar of the state of Washington since 1984, entered into a Stipulation to Reprimand before the Disciplinary Board ("WDB") of the Washington State Bar Association ("WSBA"). Leen's reprimand arose out of his representation of two criminal defendants in Washington state. In the reprimand, Leen stipulated to misconduct involving the simultaneous representation that constituted a conflict of interest in violation of RPC 1.7 (b) and stipulated to making negligent false statements to the WSBA in violation of both RPC 8.4 (c) and Washington's former Rule for Lawyer Discipline 2.8 (a) (now, Washington's Rule for Enforcement of Lawyer Conduct 5.3 (e)). Finding in aggravation that Leen had substantial experience in the practice of law and in mitigation that he had no prior disciplinary record and that he was remorseful, the WDB ordered that Leen receive a Formal Reprimand.

After receiving notice of the reprimand, the Office of General Counsel of the State Bar of Georgia notified the Investigative Panel of the State Bar of Georgia which issued to Leen, on August 18, 2004, a Notice of Reciprocal Discipline

pursuant to Rule 9.4 of the Georgia Rules of Professional Conduct ("GRPC") as set out in Bar Rule 4-102 (d). Leen acknowledged service of the Notice on September 27, 2004 and, rather than file objections to the imposition of reciprocal discipline in Georgia pursuant to GRPC 9.4 (b) (3), Leen sent a letter to the Review Panel taking responsibility for, and expressing his remorse over, his actions.

The Review Panel then issued this report and recommendation finding that GRPC 9.4 (b) (3) mandates the imposition of discipline identical to that imposed in the other jurisdiction unless certain circumstances exist; that none of those circumstances exist in this case; that, unlike Georgia which imposes three separate kinds of reprimands as attorney discipline, Washington state imposes only one type of reprimand; that Washington's reprimand is administered by the Washington State Bar's Board of Governors, which is a body comprised of approximately 16 members; that a reprimand in Washington is administered privately but is a matter of public record; and that the most analogous discipline in Georgia is a Review Panel reprimand. Therefore the Review Panel recommended, by a vote of six to three, that Leen be administered a Review Panel reprimand pursuant to Bar Rule 4-102 (b) (4) and neither party has requested review pursuant to Bar Rule 4-219. Because this Court agrees that a Review Panel reprimand is the appropriate sanction under GRPC 9.4 (b) (3) for Leen's conduct, this Court hereby orders that Robert Michael Leen be administered a Review Panel Reprimand in accordance with Bar Rules 4-102 (b) (4) and 4-220 (b).



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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