



**SUPREME COURT OF GEORGIA**

Case No. S99Y0586.

Atlanta **MAY 25 1999**

The Honorable Supreme Court met pursuant to adjournment.

The following order was passed:

**IN THE MATTER OF LYNN MCNEESE SWANK**

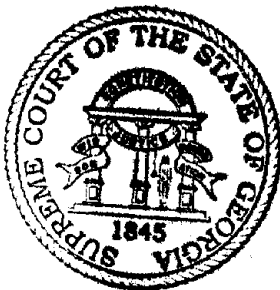
This disciplinary proceeding is before the Court on Respondent Lynn McNeese Swank's Petition for Voluntary Discipline, in which Swank admits violating Standard 30 (except with the written consent of or written notice to her client after full disclosure, a lawyer shall not accept or continue employment if the exercise of her professional judgment on behalf of her client will be or reasonably may be affected by her own financial, business, property or personal interests) of Bar Rule 4-102 (d), and seeks the imposition of a Public Reprimand. The State Bar has no objection to the acceptance of the petition.

Swank filed her Petition for Voluntary Discipline following the Investigative Panel of the State Disciplinary Board's finding of probable cause and order for the preparation of a Formal Complaint. Swank admits she violated Standard 30 of Bar Rule 4-102 (d) in connection with her representation of a client. Swank was a student of the client's and performed various legal services for the client in exchange for lessons. Swank became friends with both the client and the client's husband and when the client and her husband filed a pro se action for a divorce, Swank gave legal advice and counsel to both parties without providing full disclosure to either of them that her professional judgment might be affected by her business and personal relationships with them, and without obtaining the written consent of, or providing written notice to either party to continue representing them in light of the conflict. Subsequent to the parties' divorce, Swank began a personal relationship with the client's former husband while continuing to represent the client in various matters without providing full disclosure to the client or obtaining the written consent of, or providing written notice to the client of the conflict. Swank later withdrew from representing the client and has agreed to have no involvement in any dispute arising from the terms of the client's property settlement in the divorce action. In mitigation, the State Bar notes that Swank has no prior disciplinary record.


We have reviewed the record and agree with the State Bar that Swank's petition for voluntary discipline should be accepted. Accordingly, it is hereby ordered that for her violation of Standard 30 of Bar Rule 4-102 (d), Respondent Lynn McNeese Swank be administered a public reprimand in open court pursuant to Bar Rule 4-102 (b) (3) by a judge of the superior court where Swank resides or where her disciplinary infractions occurred.

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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