

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA  
(Before a Referee)

THE FLORIDA BAR,  
Complainant,  
v.  
ROBERT J. WARD,  
Respondent.

CONFIDENTIAL

Case No. 62,738  
(TFB #06A82HF3)

and

Case No. 64,339  
(TFB #06C83H70)

FILED  
ROBERT J. WHITE  
CLERK, SUPREME COURT

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk, Supreme Court

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- I. Summary of Proceedings: Pursuant to the undersigned being duly appointed as referee to conduct disciplinary proceedings herein according to Article XI of the Integration Rule of The Florida Bar, the following proceedings occurred: On March 12, 1984, respondent tendered and signed a Conditional Guilty Plea for Consent Judgment in exchange for the agreement of The Florida Bar to recommend that respondent be disciplined by a ninety (90) day suspension, plus one-year probation with quarterly reports, and payment of costs. On August 2, 1984, a hearing was held before me as to discipline. The Complaints, the Conditional Guilty Plea and The Bar's recommendation as to discipline, all of which are forwarded to the Supreme Court of Florida with this report, constitute the record in this case.
- II. Findings of Fact as to Each Item of Misconduct of which the Respondent is Charged: After considering all the pleadings and evidence before me, pertinent portions of which are commented upon below, I find: The facts are as set forth in the Complaints filed by The Florida Bar. Respondent admitted to each count of these complaints through a guilty plea which can be found in the record. The body of the complaints filed by The Florida Bar are as follows:

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1. Respondent is, and all times thereafter mentioned was, a member of The Florida Bar subject to jurisdiction and disciplinary rules of the Supreme Court of Florida.
2. In June, 1981, respondent was hired by Margie Graham, personal representative of the estate of her son, Harold Bruce Graham, who died May 11, 1981, to serve as attorney for the estate.
3. Despite the requests from Ms. Graham, respondent, as attorney for the estate, neglected to file an inventory of the estate's assets (as required by Chapter S. 733.604 Florida Statute), causing Ms. Graham to travel to Florida from Kentucky in order to appear in Pinellas County Probate Court on September 28, 1981. This appearance was necessary in order to prevent the estate from being fined for failure to file an inventory of assets.
4. As a result of his neglect in this matter, respondent has caused the estate unnecessary rental expenses in keeping a mobile home belonging to the deceased in a mobile home park while the inventory of assets was being prepared and filed.
5. On September 28, 1981, the day of the hearing in Pinellas County Probate Court, respondent finally did file the inventory of the estate's assets.