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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

THE FLORIDA BAR,

Complainant,

vs.

BETTY OWEN STINSON,

Respondent.

CONFIDENTIAL

Case No. 63,520

REPORT OF REFEREE

- I. 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, hearings were held on December 12, 1983. The Pleadings, Notices, Motions, Orders, Transcripts and Exhibits all of which are forwarded to The Supreme Court of Florida with this report, constitute the record in this case.

The following attorneys appeared as counsel for the parties:

For The Florida Bar: Dale Krout and John Anthony Boggs

For the Respondent: Gayle S. Swedmark

Respondent did not appear in person.

It was stipulated at the hearing that this matter would be maintained confidential pending the Referee's Report and subsequent Order of the Court.

- II. A stipulation of facts was entered into and filed before this Referee by The Florida Bar and the Respondent. The Referee accepts the stipulation and adopts the same as the Finding of Fact in this cause.

Counsel for The Florida Bar stated during the hearing that Respondent's acts did not constitute dishonesty, fraud or deceit as set forth in Disciplinary Rule 1-102 (A) (4); but were more properly a violation of standards under Integration Rule 11.02 (3) (a) of Article XI.

Respondent admits guilt, citing poor judgment and confusion, rather than intentional wrongdoing. Respondent agrees to public reprimand.

- III. I recommend that the Respondent be found guilty of violating Integration Rule 11.02 (3) (a), Article XI, Integration Rules of The Florida Bar. I further recommend that Respondent be found guilty of violating Disciplinary Rules 2-106 (B) and 7-101 (A) (3) of The Florida Bar's Code of Professional Responsibility.

- IV. I recommend the Respondent receive a public reprimand and that she pay costs incurred by The Florida Bar in this cause.

Dated this 7th day of August, 1984.


JOHN W. PEACH - REFEREE

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the Report of Referee has been delivered by U. S. Mail this 8th day of August, 1984, to: DALE E. KROUT, JR., Bar Counsel, The Florida Bar, Tallahassee, Florida 32301; and GAYLE SMITH SWEDMARK, Attorney for Respondent, Post Office Box 669, Tallahassee, Florida 32302-0669.


Secretary to Judge Peach