

# Supreme Court of Florida

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No. 63,889

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THE FLORIDA BAR, Complainant,

v.

MICHAEL E. SWEETING, Respondent.

[January 24, 1985]

PER CURIAM.

Upon a complaint by The Florida Bar this Court appointed a referee to conduct a hearing regarding Sweeting's alleged misconduct. Sweeting tendered a conditional guilty plea for consent judgment, acknowledging his violation of Disciplinary Rules 1-102(A)(3), (4), (5) and (6), and 7-102(A)(7) and (8) of the Code of Professional Responsibility and Rule 11.02(3)(a) of the Integration Rule of the Florida Bar. The referee recommended that Sweeting be found guilty in accordance with his conditional plea and that he be given a public reprimand, be suspended from the practice of law for a period of one year and appear before the Board of Governors.

Neither side contests the referee's report which we hereby adopt. Publication of this opinion in Southern Reporter and appearance before the Board of Governors will serve as the public reprimand, and Michael E. Sweeting is hereby suspended from the practice of law for a period of one year effective February 25, 1985, thereby giving Respondent thirty days to close out his practice

and take the necessary steps to protect his clients. Respondent is to accept no new clients from the date of this opinion.

Judgment for costs in the amount of \$772.09 is hereby entered against respondent, for which let execution issue.

It is so ordered.

BOYD, C.J., ADKINS, OVERTON, EHRLICH and SHAW, JJ., Concur

NOT FINAL UNTIL TIME EXPIRES TO FILE REHEARING MOTION AND, IF FILED, DETERMINED. THE FILING OF A MOTION FOR REHEARING SHALL NOT ALTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SUSPENSION.

Original Proceeding - The Florida Bar

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