

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA
(Before a Referee)

THE FLORIDA BAR,

Complainant,

v.

HORACE A. KNOWLTON, III,

Respondent

CONFIDENTIAL

Case No. 70,862
File #87-25-665-13B
(formerly #13B87H08)

REPORT OF REFEREE

I. Summary of Proceedings: Pursuant to the undersigned being duly appointed as referee to conduct disciplinary proceedings herein according to the Rules of Discipline, hearings were held on the following date: January 15, 1988.

The following attorneys appeared as counsel for the parties:

For the Florida Bar: Richard A. Greenberg, Esq.

For the Respondent: Joseph Barrs, Esq.

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 Respondent admitted, by answer filed, all paragraphs of the complaint filed against him (Paragraphs 1 through 17) and again by his Counsel at the hearing on Jan. 15, 1988 before me as referee.

III. Recommendation as to Whether or not the Respondent should be Found guilty:

In view of the foregoing, I recommend the Respondent be found guilty of all charges 1 through 17 in the complaint filed against him.

IV. Recommendation as to Disciplinary Measures to be Applied:

I concur with the position of the Florida Bar which is agreeable to a public reprimand and, accordingly, recommend that the Respondent receive a public reprimand.

V. Statement of Costs and Manner in Which Cost Should be Taxed:

I find the following costs were reasonably incurred by the Florida Bar.

Costs incurred at the grievance committee level as reported by Bar counsel	\$232.50
Administrative costs at grievance committee level under Rule 3-7.5(k) (1) (5)	\$150.00
Court reporter costs	\$ 71.40
Administrative cost at referee level under Rule 307.5(k) (1) (5)	<u>\$150.00</u>
TOTAL ITEMIZED COSTS	\$603.90

It is apparent that other costs have or may be incurred. It is recommended that all such costs and expenses together with the foregoing itemized costs be charged to the respondent.

Dated this 11th day of February, 1988.


OWEN S. ALLBRITTON
Referee

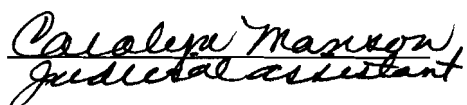
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I hereby certify that a copy has been furnished to the following by U.S. Mail this 23 day of February, 1988.

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