

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA
(Before a Referee)

THE FLORIDA BAR,
Complainant,

CASE NO. 71,750
(TFB No. 87-25,487 (12B))

v.

WILLIAM J. MULLINS, JR.,
Respondent.

REPORT OF REFEREE

FILED
JUN 10 1988
CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT
By _____
Deputy Clerk

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 and Rule 3-7.5 Rules of Discipline, a final hearing was held on May 25, 1988. The enclosed pleadings, order, transcripts and exhibits are forwarded to the Supreme Court of Florida with this report, and constitute the record in this case.

The following attorneys appeared as counsel for the parties:

For The Florida Bar: DAVID R. RISTOFF
For the Respondent: Pro Se

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, I accept the Consent Judgment and find the respondent has violated The Florida Bar Code of Professional Responsibility in the following case: Case No. 71,750, TFB No. 87-25,487 (12B).

III. Recommendation as to Whether or Not the Respondent Should Be Found Guilty: I find that the respondent be found guilty of the following violations of the Code of Professional Responsibility: That William J. Mullins, has violated the following Disciplinary Rule, DR 6-101(A)(3) (neglect of a legal matter entrusted to him).

IV. Recommendation as to Disciplinary Measures to be Applied: I recommend that William J. Mullins be disciplined by a public reprimand to be published in the Southern Reporter, and pay all costs reasonably associated with this disciplinary proceeding. These costs to be paid within 30 days from the Order of the Supreme Court of Florida.

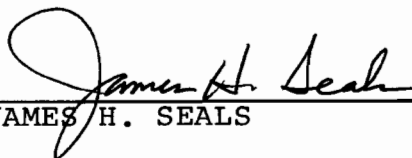
V. Personal History and Past Disciplinary Record: After finding of guilt and prior to recommending discipline to be recommended pursuant to Rule 11.06(9)(a)(4), and the Rule 3-7.5(k)(4), I considered the following personal history and prior disciplinary record of the respondent to wit:

- (1) Age: 51
- (2) Date Admitted to Bar: June 29, 1976
- (3) Prior Disciplinary Record: Private Reprimand 1983
- (4) Mitigating Factors: None

VI. Statement of Costs and Manner in which Costs Should Be Taxed: I find the following costs were reasonably incurred by The Florida Bar:

1. Grievance Committee Level	
a. Administrative Costs	\$150.00
b. Court Reporter Costs	162.10
c. Branch Staff Counsel Costs	28.88
d. Investigator's Expenses	19.04
	<u>\$360.02</u>
2. Referee Level	
a. Administrative Costs	\$150.00
b. Court Reporter Costs	76.50
	<u>\$226.50</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE TO DATE:	<u>\$586.52</u>

Dated this 25th day of May, 1988.



JAMES H. SEALS

Copies To:

William J. Mullins, Respondent
David R. Ristoff, Branch Staff Counsel