

Supreme Court of Florida

No. 71,750

THE FLORIDA BAR, Complainant,

vs.

WILLIAM J. MULLINS, JR., Respondent.

[July 14, 1988]

PER CURIAM.

This disciplinary proceeding is before the Court for consideration of the uncontested report of the referee.

By means of a conditional guilty plea for consent judgment, which was agreed to by The Florida Bar, respondent William J. Mullins, Jr., admitted that he had agreed to represent a client in a civil dispute and then failed to take timely steps to pursue the matter. The referee's recommendations are set forth in the report as follows:

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.

We approve the referee's report. We hereby reprimand
William J. Mullins, Jr., for professional misconduct. Judgment
for costs in the amount of \$586.52 is hereby entered against
respondent, for which sum let execution issue.

It is so ordered.

EHRlich, C.J., and OVERTON, McDONALD, SHAW, BARKETT, GRIMES and
KOGAN, J.J., Concur

NOT FINAL UNTIL TIME EXPIRES TO FILE REHEARING MOTION AND, IF
FILED, DETERMINED.

Original Proceeding - The Florida Bar

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for Complainant

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for Respondent