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SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA

NO. 2019-B-1267

IN RE: EVELYN S. ADAMS

ATTORNEY DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDING

PER CURIAM

Respondent failed to promptly refund an unearned fee to a client and was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol. Following the filing of formal charges, respondent and the Office of Disciplinary Counsel submitted a joint petition for consent discipline. Having reviewed the petition,

IT IS ORDERED that the Petition for Consent Discipline be accepted and that Evelyn S. Adams, also known as Martha Evelyn Shahan Adams, Louisiana Bar Roll number 27169, be and she hereby is suspended from the practice of law for a period of eighteen months, with all but six months deferred. This suspension shall be retroactive to May 1, 2019, the date of respondent's interim suspension. Following the active portion of the suspension, respondent shall be placed on unsupervised probation for five years. The probationary period shall commence from the date respondent and the ODC execute a formal probation plan. Any failure of respondent to comply with the conditions of probation, or any misconduct during the probationary period, may be grounds for making the deferred portion of the suspension executory, or imposing additional discipline, as appropriate.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all costs and expenses in the matter are assessed against respondent in accordance with Supreme Court Rule XIX, § 10.1, with legal interest to commence thirty days from the date of finality of this court's judgment until paid.