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The Supreme Court of the State of Louisiana

IN RE: BRENDA F. FORD

No. 2023-B-00073

IN RE: Office of Disciplinary Counsel - Applicant Other; Brenda Fay Ford - Applicant Other; Joint Petition for Consent Discipline;

March 07, 2023

Joint petition for consent discipline accepted. See per curiam.

JBM JLW JDH SJC JTG WJC PDG

Supreme Court of Louisiana March 07, 2023

Chief Deputy Clerk of Court

For the Court

SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA NO. 2023-B-0073 IN RE: BRENDA F. FORD

ATTORNEY DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDING

PER CURIAM

The Office of Disciplinary Counsel ("ODC") commenced an investigation into allegations that respondent engaged in a conflict of interest involving two concurrent clients. Respondent and the ODC then submitted a joint petition for consent discipline in which respondent admitted that her conduct violated Rules 1.7(a)(1), 1.7(a)(2), and 8.4(a) of the Rules of Professional Conduct. Having reviewed the petition,

IT IS ORDERED that the Petition for Consent Discipline be accepted and that Brenda F. Ford, Louisiana Bar Roll number 5685, be suspended from the practice of law for a period of six months. All but ninety days of this suspension shall be deferred, followed by a one-year period of probation governed by the conditions set forth in the petition for consent discipline. 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.