SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA

NO. 01-B-1956

IN RE: ROBERT JOSEPH SHORTESS. JR.

ORDER

Considering the Joint Petition for Interim Suspension filed by respondent, Robert Joseph Shortess, Jr., and the Office of Disciplinary Counsel,

IT IS ORDERED that Robert Joseph Shortess, Jr. be and he hereby is suspended from the practice of law on an interim basis pursuant to Supreme Court Rule XIX, § 19.3, pending further orders of this court. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule XIX, § 26(E), this order is effective immediately.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that necessary disciplinary proceedings be instituted in accordance with Supreme Court Rule XIX, §§ 11 and 19.

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, this _____ day of July, 2001.

| FOR THE COURT: |
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| JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA |