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SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA

NO. 04-B-1091

IN RE: JEAN BATISTE MORNEAU

ATTORNEY DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

PER CURIAM

The Office of Disciplinary Counsel ("ODC") commenced an investigation into allegations that respondent commingled client funds with his own, failed to communicate with his client, and failed to promptly refund an unearned fee. Prior to the filing of formal charges, respondent and the ODC submitted a joint petition for consent discipline. Having reviewed the petition,

IT IS ORDERED that the Petition for Consent Discipline be accepted and that Jean Batiste Morneau, Louisiana Bar Roll number 9721, be publicly reprimanded.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondent shall enroll in and attend one full day of Ethics School offered by the Louisiana State Bar Association's Practice Assistance and Improvement Committee.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondent will voluntarily participate in the Louisiana State Bar Association's Fee Dispute Resolution Program regarding fees charged to Patricia McCann.

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.