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SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA

NO. 04-OB-0813

IN RE: JOSEPH W. THOMAS

ORDER

Considering the Petition for Transfer to Disability Inactive Status filed by respondent, Joseph W. Thomas,

IT IS ORDERED that Joseph W. Thomas, Louisiana Bar Roll number 8163, be and he hereby is transferred to interim disability inactive status pending a hearing to determine the validity of his claim of inability to assist in his defense due to mental and physical incapacity, pursuant to Supreme Court Rule XIX, § 22(C). All disciplinary proceedings shall be stayed pending this determination.

Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule XIX, § 26(E), this order shall be effective immediately.

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, this _____ day of March, 2004.

FOR THE COURT:

JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA