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SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA

NO. 2017-B-0519

IN RE: HUGH B. EXNICIOS, JR.

ATTORNEY DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDING

PER CURIAM

The Office of Disciplinary Counsel ("ODC") commenced an investigation into

allegations that respondent mishandled his client trust account and threatened to bring a

disciplinary complaint against an attorney in an effort to gain an advantage in a civil case.

Following the filing of formal charges, respondent and the ODC submitted a joint petition

for consent discipline in which respondent admitted that his conduct violated Rules

1.15(a)(b)(f) and 8.4(g) of the Rules of Professional Conduct. Having reviewed the

petition,

IT IS ORDERED that the Petition for Consent Discipline be accepted and that

Hugh B. Exnicios, Jr., Louisiana Bar Roll number 5410, be suspended from the practice

of law for a period of six months. This suspension shall be deferred in its entirety,

subject to respondent's successful completion of 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 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.