

SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA

No. 2019-B-0908

IN RE: MARK G. SIMMONS

ATTORNEY DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDING

CRICHTON, J., additionally concurs and assigns reasons:

I agree with this court's per curiam that the respondent's deferred suspension, amounting to ten months, be made executory. Not only did respondent fail to competently represent clients as described in *Simmons I*, but he also failed to cooperate with ODC in that matter – an additional and serious violation. Subsequently, he violated this Court's order and broke his promise to ODC. Thereafter, he chose not to appear at his own hearing on May 23, 2019, where eight volunteer members of an adjudicative panel gathered to hear his case. Thus, I write separately to note that, in my view, such indifference for the Rules of Professional Conduct, orders of this Court, and the disciplinary process all demonstrate respondent's lack of fitness for the practice of law and warrant the corresponding sanction imposed by this Court.