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SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA

NO. 09-B-2364

IN RE: JOHN T. SCOTT

ATTORNEY DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

WEIMER, J., concurring in part; dissenting in part.

While I agree a three-year suspension is appropriate, I would defer a portion of the suspension noting the hearing committee recommended the suspension be fully deferred and the disciplinary board recommended all but six months be deferred. I also note both the hearing committee and the disciplinary board specifically found that respondent did not intend to permanently deprive the client of his money. While the actions of the respondent are clearly wrong and unacceptable, deferring a portion of his suspension would serve the purposes of the disciplinary system.