

In the Matter of W. Peter McATEE, Attorney at Law.

No. 15229

SUPREME COURT OF NEW MEXICO

1984-NMSC-020, 100 N.M. 685, 675 P.2d 417

January 30, 1984

OPINION

ORDER

{1} This matter having come before the Court after the completion of disciplinary proceedings wherein Respondent was found to have violated Disciplinary Rules 1-102(A)(4), 1-102(A)(5) and 1-102(A)(6) by virtue of his having sued a person and obtained a default judgment for money that was not owed to him, and the Court having reviewed all transcripts and the recommendations of the Hearing Committee and the Disciplinary Board, and there being no issues unique to this case which need to be addressed by this Court in an opinion;

{2} IT IS HEREBY ORDERED in view of the particular facts in the case and of Respondent's age and ill health that he forthwith assume the status of an inactive member of the State Bar of New Mexico.

{3} IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Respondent immediately turn over all pending cases he has and the balance of his trust account to Mr. James Toulouse, Esquire, who has agreed to handle any further proceedings that may be necessary in these cases.

{4} Finally, it is Ordered that Mr. Toulouse report to the Court on the final disposition of the cases and trust account.

{5} IT IS ORDERED that Respondent immediately notify all clients of his inactive status and that he fully comply in all other respects with the requirements of Rule 17 of the Court's Rules Governing Discipline.

{6} IT IS ORDERED that Respondent's inactive status remain in effect until further order of this Court.

{7} The costs of this action in the amount of \$957.36 are hereby assessed against Respondent and are to be paid to the Disciplinary Board by February 1, 1984.

{8} This Order is to be published in the State Bar of New Mexico **News and Views** and **New Mexico Reports**.

{9} IT IS SO ORDERED.