

BEFORE THE SUPREME COURT COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

PANEL B

IN RE: **DARRELL F. BROWN, SR.** - Respondent Attorney

Arkansas Bar ID # 72012

CPC Docket No. 2005-062

ORDER OF INTERIM SUSPENSION

On April 15, 2005, Panel B of the Arkansas Supreme Court Committee on Professional Conduct voted to institute disbarment action against Respondent Darrell F. Brown, Sr., Arkansas Bar ID #72012, an attorney practicing law primarily in Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas, in CPC Case No. 2004-140 pending before the Panel on a complaint by Nakiea Haslerig. In this matter the Panel found violations of Rules 1.2(a), 1.4(a), 1.4(b), 1.5(c), 1.15(a), 1.15(b), and 8.4(c). Mr. Brown was found to have failed since June 12, 2003, to have properly notified and accounted to Ms. Haslerig and four of her medical and service providers for the \$8,000.00 in settlement proceeds he received that date or to pay over to them funds in which they have an interest. The Panel further found that his IOLTA trust account balance has fallen below the amount he should have had in it to account for these funds, dropping to a balance of only \$590.15 at one point after June 13, 2003.

Panel B of the Arkansas Supreme Court Committee on Professional Conduct, pursuant to the mandate of Section 16.A(1), Procedures of the Arkansas Supreme Court Regulating Professional Conduct of Attorneys at Law (the "Procedures") (Rev. 2002), also found that Respondent's alleged conduct, and the proof shown by the Petition, Response, and Rebuttal demonstrate sufficient evidence that he has engaged in serious misconduct involving client funds, that there is a substantial threat of serious harm to the public and to the lawyer's clients, and that an interim suspension of Respondent's privilege to practice law under the authority of his Arkansas law license should be imposed pursuant to Sections 17.E(3)(c)(1) and 16.A(3) of the Procedures. In making

this decision, Panel B has taken into consideration the recent public sanction of Mr. Brown filed March 10, 2005, in CPC 2004-014, on a similar complaint by Stephen Kelley, a client, and Renee Crater, a provider of professional services to Mr. Kelley, involving mishandling of client funds in which third persons had interests, shortages in Mr. Brown's IOLTA trust account, and other matters.

It is therefore ORDERED that the privilege of Respondent Darrell F. Brown. Sr. to practice law under his Arkansas law license be, and it hereby is, SUSPENDED within this jurisdiction immediately upon the filing of this Order with the Clerk of the Arkansas Supreme Court.

ARKANSAS SUPREME COURT COMMITTEE

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By: _____ J. Michael
Cogbill, Panel B Chair

Date: _____