

**BEFORE THE SUPREME COURT COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT  
PANEL C**

IN RE: JAMES SCOTT ADAMS

ARKANSAS BAR ID #81001

CPC Docket No. 2002-144

**FINDINGS & CONSENT ORDER OF DISCIPLINE**

The formal charges of misconduct upon which this Consent Order is premised, involving respondent attorney JAMES SCOTT ADAMS of Morrilton, Conway County, Arkansas, arose from information brought to the attention of the Committee on Professional Conduct by a Per Curiam Order, delivered on September 12, 2002, in the matter of Carl Gene McGhee v. State of Arkansas, CR 2002-353.

Following Respondent Attorney's receipt of the formal complaint, the attorney entered into discussion with the Executive Director which has resulted in an agreement to discipline by consent pursuant to Section 20.B of the Arkansas Supreme Court Procedures Regulating Professional Conduct of Attorneys at Law (2002). Upon consideration of the formal complaint and attached exhibits, admissions made by the respondent attorney, the terms of the written consent, the approval of Panel C of the Committee on Professional Conduct, and the Arkansas Model Rules of Professional Conduct, the Committee on Professional Conduct finds:

1. That Mr. Adams' conduct violated Model Rule 1.3, when he failed to perfect an appeal on behalf of his client, Carl Gene McGhee, after filing a timely Notice of Appeal. Model Rule 1.3 requires that a lawyer act with reasonable diligence and promptness in representing a client.
2. That Mr. Adams' conduct violated Model Rule 8.4(d), in that his failure to perfect an appeal on behalf of his client resulted in a delay of over three years in the orderly and timely resolution of appellate proceedings, and his failure to perfect an appeal on behalf of his client required the Court to expend additional time and effort which would not have been necessary otherwise. Model 8.4(d) requires that a lawyer not engage in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice.

WHEREFORE, in accordance with the consent to discipline presented by MR. Adams and the Executive Director, it is the decision and order of the Arkansas Supreme Court Committee on Professional Conduct that Respondent JAMES SCOTT ADAMS, Arkansas Bar No. 81001, be, and hereby is, CAUTIONED for his conduct in this matter.

ARKANSAS SUPREME COURT COMMITTEE

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By \_\_\_\_\_

David Newbern, Chairperson

Date \_\_\_\_\_