

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

IN RE: OSCAR JEROME GREEN  
ARKANSAS BAR NO. 85062  
CPC DOCKET NO. 2005-005

**CONSENT FINDINGS AND ORDER**

The formal charges of misconduct upon which this Findings and Order is based arose from information provided to the Committee by the Arkansas Supreme Court on December 9, 2004. The information related to the representation of Teresa Edwards in 2004.

On January 14, 2005, Oscar Jerome Green was served with a formal complaint. A response was filed. The Respondent and the Executive Director negotiated a discipline by consent proposal, which was submitted to this Panel.

Oscar Jerome Green, Attorney at Law, Maumelle, Arkansas, represented Teresa Edwards in the case of State of Arkansas v. Teresa Edwards, Pulaski County Circuit Court Case No. CR2002-2931. Following Ms. Edwards conviction in Pulaski County Circuit Court, Mr. Green filed a timely Notice of Appeal. Mr. Green did not perfect the appeal. At the time of his representation of Ms. Edwards, Mr. Green had failed to pay his bar dues for the years 2003 and 2004.

The Arkansas Supreme Court ordered Mr. Green to appear before it on December 9, 2004, and show cause as to why he should not be held in contempt for failing to perfect the appeal and for representing a client during a time that he was delinquent in the payment of his bar dues and therefore not in good standing.

Mr. Green appeared before the Arkansas Supreme Court on December 9, 2004, and stated that he had made arrangements with the court reporter to complete the transcript. He stated that the family of Ms. Edwards had agreed to pay for the transcript but were not able to pay for the transcript. No further action was taken by Mr. Green as Ms. Edwards' family had retained another attorney. Mr. Green failed, however, to file a motion seeking permission to withdraw as attorney of record for Ms. Edwards.

The Arkansas Supreme Court found Mr. Green to be in contempt of court and fined him the sum of \$250. The Arkansas Supreme Court thereafter referred the matter to the Office of Professional Conduct.

Mr. Green was alleged to have violated Model Rules 1.3, 3.2, 3.4(c) and 8.4(d). Mr. Green proposed a conditional acknowledgment and admission of Model Rules 1.3 and 3.4(c) in exchange for the sanction of Reprimand.

Upon consideration of the formal complaint and attached exhibit materials, the response, the consent proposal, and other matters before it, and the Arkansas Model Rules of Professional Conduct, Panel B of the Arkansas Supreme Court Committee on Professional Conduct finds:

1. That OSCAR JEROME GREEN violated Model Rule 1.3 when he failed to perfect an appeal on behalf of his client, Teresa Edwards. Model Rule 1.3 requires a lawyer to act with reasonable diligence and promptness in representing a client.

2. That OSCAR JEROME GREEN violated Model Rule 3.4(c) when he failed to pay the required annual license fee for the years 2003 and 2004 as required under Rule VII of the Rules Governing Admission to the Bar. Model Rule 3.4(c) requires that a lawyer not knowingly disobey an obligation under the rules of a tribunal.

WHEREFORE, it is the decision and order of the Arkansas Supreme Court Committee on Professional Conduct, acting through its authorized Panel B, that OSCAR JEROME GREEN, Arkansas Bar ID No. 85062, be, and hereby is, REPRIMANDED and assessed costs in the amount of FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00) for his conduct in this matter. The costs assessed herein shall be payable by cashier's check or money order payable to the "Clerk, Arkansas Supreme Court" delivered to the Office of Professional Conduct with thirty (30) days of the date this Findings and Order is filed of record with the Clerk of the Arkansas Supreme Court.

ARKANSAS SUPREME COURT COMMITTEE ON  
PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT - PANEL B

By: \_\_\_\_\_

H.T. Moore, Vice Chair, Panel B

Date: \_\_\_\_\_