

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

**PANEL A**

IN RE: **BARBARA A. KETRING-BEUCH**

Arkansas Bar ID #97074

CPC Docket No. 2005-019

**CONSENT FINDINGS & ORDER**

The formal charges of misconduct upon which this Consent Order is premised, involving respondent attorney Barbara A. Ketring-Beuch of North Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas, arose from information brought to the attention of the Committee on Professional Conduct by a Per Curiam referral from the Arkansas Supreme Court on January 6, 2005.

From the information contained in the file of the Arkansas Supreme Court in No. CR04-927, *Quincy Moore v. State*, it appears a Motion for Rule on the Clerk filed by Respondent was granted on November 4, 2004, by the Supreme Court, (Exhibit A), upon her failure to timely file the record on appeal by September 13, 2004, for her client, Moore, after he timely filed a *pro se* notice of appeal on June 15, 2004. Upon a November 4 remand to the circuit court for findings of fact on the issue, that court found there was still approximately five (5) weeks remaining from the time Respondent became aware of her client's *pro se* notice of appeal until the initial September 13, 2004, deadline for filing the record. Respondent failed to obtain an extension of time from the circuit court by September 13, 2004, within which to file the appeal record. The Supreme Court found she was at fault for failure to timely file the record and referred this matter to the Committee by the Court's Per Curiam Order of January 6, 2005,

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 A of the Committee on Professional Conduct,

and the Arkansas Model Rules of Professional Conduct, the Committee on Professional Conduct finds:

A. Barbara Ketring-Beuch's conduct violated Model Rule 1.3 in that although she learned of the filing of her client's *pro se* notice of appeal approximately five (5) weeks before the 90 day deadline for filing his appeal record, she failed to either file the record on time or obtain an available extension of time for filing the appeal record. Model Rule 1.3 requires that a lawyer shall act with reasonable diligence and promptness in representing a client.

WHEREFORE, in accordance with the consent to discipline presented by Ms. Ketring-Beuch and the Executive Director, it is the decision and order of the Arkansas Supreme Court Committee on Professional Conduct that Respondent Barbara A. Ketring-Beuch, Arkansas Bar No. 97074, be, and hereby is, **cautioned** for her conduct in this matter, and assessed costs of \$50.00. The \$50.00 cost 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 A

By \_\_\_\_\_

Bart F. Virden, Chairperson, Panel A

Date \_\_\_\_\_