

In the Supreme Court of Georgia

Decided: January 9, 2012

S12Y0103. IN THE MATTER OF JOSEPH A. MACCIONE

PER CURIAM.

This Court previously rejected a petition for voluntary discipline filed by Joseph A. Maccione (State Bar No. 462925). See In the Matter of Maccione, 289 Ga. 17 (710 SE2d 745) (2011). Following the issuance of the Court's opinion, Maccione filed a second petition for voluntary discipline, admitting the same conduct and violations but also admitting the existence of a medical impairment and seeking to voluntarily surrender his license.

The State Bar expressed no objection to the petition, and the special master, James E. Patterson, recommended acceptance of it. Because Maccione has admitted serious misconduct in violation of Rules 5.3 and 8.4 (a) (4) of the Georgia Rules of Professional Conduct found in Bar Rule 4-102 (d), see Maccione, 289 Ga. at 18-19, we accept the special master's recommendation and Maccione's voluntary surrender of his license, which is tantamount to

disbarment. See Bar Rule 4-110 (f).

Accordingly, it is hereby ordered that the name of Joseph A. Maccione be removed from the rolls of persons authorized to practice law in the State of Georgia. Maccione is reminded of his duties pursuant to Bar Rule 4-219 (c).

Voluntary surrender of license accepted. All the Justices concur