

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SUPREME COURT

ORDER

LD-2004-0002, In the Matter of Maurice P. Mason, Jr.

The Committee on Professional Conduct (PCC) filed a petition for reciprocal discipline of Attorney Maurice P. Mason on February 25, 2004. See Rule 37(12). It alleged that it had received a copy of an order of suspension dated January 16, 2004 by the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court. The Massachusetts court suspended Attorney Mason for thirty months for, among other things, misrepresenting the status of cases to his clients.

In accordance with Rule 37(12)(b), the petition was served upon Attorney Mason. Attorney Mason signed the certified mail receipt on or about March 4, 2004. Although ordered by the court to respond to the petition within thirty days of his receipt of it, he did not do so.

Having reviewed the PCC's petition, the court concludes that further proceedings are unnecessary for the disposition of this case. See Rule 37(12)(d). We conclude that the misconduct found by the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court justifies Attorney Mason's suspension from the practice of law for thirty months. See *id.*

THEREFORE, Maurice P. Mason, Jr. is hereby suspended from the practice of law in New Hampshire for a period of thirty months. He is ordered to notify the PCC of any other jurisdictions in which he is licensed to practice law of the issuance of the court's order. He is further ordered to disclose to the court within ten (10) days of his receipt of this order regarding whether he is representing any New Hampshire clients in any pending matters, including litigated matters and administrative proceedings, and whether he maintains any trust accounts in New Hampshire.

Maurice P. Mason, Jr. is hereby assessed all expenses incurred by the PCC in the investigation and prosecution of this matter.

Broderick, C.J., and Nadeau, Dalianis, Duggan and Galway, JJ., concurred

DATE: April 23, 2004

ATTEST:


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