

The Supreme Court of the State of Louisiana

IN RE: FRANCES M. ROBINSON SMITH

No. 2021-B-01534

IN RE: Disciplinary Counsel - Applicant Other; Frances M. Robinson Smith -
Applicant Other; Joint Petition for Consent Discipline;

February 15, 2022

Joint petition for consent discipline accepted. See per curiam.

JLW

JDH

SJC

WJC

JBM

PDG

Genovese, J., would reject the joint petition.

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Chief Deputy Clerk of Court
For the Court

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ATTORNEY DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDING

PER CURIAM

The Office of Disciplinary Counsel (“ODC”) commenced an investigation into allegations that respondent mishandled her client trust account. She subsequently failed to cooperate with the ODC in its investigation. Following the filing of formal charges, respondent and the ODC submitted a joint petition for consent discipline. Having reviewed the petition,

IT IS ORDERED that the Petition for Consent Discipline be accepted and that Frances Robinson Smith, Louisiana Bar Roll number 19396, be and she hereby is suspended from the practice of law for a period of one year and one day. This suspension shall be deferred in its entirety, subject to respondent’s successful completion of a two-year period of probation with appropriate conditions. The probationary period shall commence from the date respondent and the ODC execute a formal probation plan. Any failure of respondent to comply with the conditions of probation, or any misconduct during the probationary period, may be grounds for making the deferred suspension executory, or imposing additional discipline, as appropriate.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all costs and expenses in the matter are assessed against respondent in accordance with Supreme Court Rule XIX, § 10.1, with legal interest to commence thirty days from the date of finality of this court’s judgment until paid.