

The Supreme Court of the State of Louisiana

IN RE: PRESTON G. SUTHERLAND

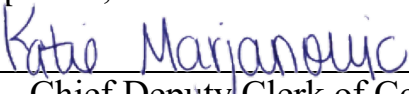
No. 2023-B-00316

IN RE: Office of Disciplinary Counsel - Applicant Other; Preston Gaffney
Sutherland - Applicant Other; Joint Petition for Consent Discipline;

April 25, 2023

Joint petition for consent discipline accepted. See per curiam.

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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 his client trust account, resulting in the commingling and conversion of funds, and allowed a non-attorney employee to write checks on the trust account. Prior to 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 Preston G. Sutherland, Louisiana Bar Roll number 12590, be and he 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 supervised probation governed by the conditions set forth in the Petition for Consent Discipline. The probationary period shall commence from the date respondent, the ODC, and the probation monitor 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.