Stark LIGON, Executive Director, Supreme Court Committee on Professional Conduct v. Woodson D. WALKER

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Supreme Court of Arkansas Opinion delivered January 29, 2007

PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT — PROCEDURE — SPECIAL JUDGE APPOINTED.

— Pursuant to Section 13(A) of the Procedures of the Arkansas Supreme Court Regulating Conduct of Attorneys at Law, a special judge was appointed to hear this disbarment proceeding and to provide the supreme court with his findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendation of an appropriate sanction.

Stark Ligon, for petitioner.

Jeff Rosenzweig, for respondent.

PER CURIAM. Petitioner Stark Ligon, Executive Director of the Arkansas Supreme Court Committee on Professional Conduct, has filed a complaint for disbarment against Respondent Woodson D. Walker. A response to the Petition for Disbarment was filed, and the issues appear to be joined by the pleadings.

Petitioner now moves for the appointment of a special judge to preside over the disbarment proceeding, pursuant to Section 13(A) of the Procedures of the Arkansas Supreme Court Regulating Professional Conduct of Attorneys at Law. As provided in Section 13(A), the special judge shall hear all evidence relevant to the alleged misconduct and then make findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendations of an appropriate sanction, and shall file them, along with a transcript and the record of the proceedings, with the Clerk of the Supreme Court.

[1] We hereby appoint the Honorable John Lineberger as special judge to hear this matter and provide this court with his findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendation of an appropriate sanction. Upon receipt of those items, we will render a decision in this matter.

It is so ordered.