

Excel WARREN *v.* STATE of Arkansas

CR 97-166

943 S.W.2d 605

Supreme Court of Arkansas
Opinion delivered May 19, 1997

CONTEMPT — MASTER APPOINTED. — Where appellant's attorney denied responsibility for failure to perfect his client's appeal by pleading not guilty and requested a hearing, the supreme court appointed a master to conduct the hearing, make findings of fact, and file them with the court.

Appointment of Master.

PER CURIAM. On April 21, 1997, we issued an order for attorney Zimmery Crutcher to appear before this court at 9:00 a.m., Monday, May 5, 1997, to show cause why he should not be held in contempt of court for failure to perfect the appeal in this case.

[1] Zimmery Crutcher denies responsibility by pleading not guilty, and requests a hearing. Therefore, we appoint the Honorable Jack Lessenberry as a master to conduct the hearing. After the hearing, we direct the master to make his findings of

fact, and file them with the court. Upon receiving the master's findings, we will decide whether counsel should be held in contempt.
