

S15Y1785. IN THE MATTER OF W. BURRELL ELLIS, JR.

PER CURIAM.

This disciplinary matter is before the Court on the petition of W. Burrell Ellis, Jr. (State Bar No. 246085) seeking the suspension of his license to practice law pending the termination of the appeal of his felony convictions in the Superior Court of DeKalb County. Ellis acknowledges that it is a violation of the Georgia Rules of Professional Conduct for a lawyer to be convicted of a felony, see Rule 8.4 (a) (2), and that the maximum penalty for such conduct is disbarment, see Rule 8.4 (d). In response, the State Bar recommends that the Court accept the petition.

Having considered the petition and response, the Court hereby accepts the voluntary petition and directs that W. Burrell Ellis, Jr., be suspended from the practice of law in this State until further order of this Court. See Rule 4-106 of the Georgia Rules of Professional Conduct; In the Matter of Thompson, 290 Ga. 81 (717 SE2d 480) (2011). Ellis is hereby directed to notify the State Bar's Office of General Counsel in writing within ten days of the disposition of the appeal. Ellis is also reminded of his duties pursuant to Bar Rule 4-219 (c).

Petition for voluntary discipline accepted. Suspension pending termination of appeal and further order of this Court. All the Justices concur.

Decided October 5, 2015.

Suspension.

Paula J. Frederick, General Counsel State Bar, Jenny K. Mittelman, Assistant General Counsel State Bar, for State Bar of Georgia.