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ROYAL, ROBERT E.

BPR # 007561

January 19, 1994 <u>County: Shelby</u> <u>District: 9</u>

Suspended for thirty (30) days by order entered January 19, 1994, commencing on February 14, 1994, and for an indefinite period thereafter until he repaid a \$7,500 retainer to a client, paid the costs of the disciplinary hearing and attended 12 hours of CLE. He failed to answer pleadings; failed to appropriately communicate with his clients and keep them advised of the status of their legal matter; failed to appropriately communicate with others involved in the litigation; failed to prepare or contest a summary judgment motion filed by the plaintiffs; failed to advise his clients of a situation which presented the appearance of a conflict of interest; and failed to provide the necessary information to his client when his employment was terminated.



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