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**HELM, WILLIAM ANTHONY**

**BPR # 007588**

August 29, 1986

County: Shelby

District: 9

Disbarred by order entered August 29, 1986. He was found to be addicted to drugs and in May of 1985, he pled guilty to possession of a controlled substance. His addiction adversely affected his ability to practice law and he was aware of this problem. In January 1986, a Chancery Court found that he had disappeared and abandoned his law practice. The Court appointed another lawyer to inventory his files and protect the interest of his clients. Aggravating circumstances were that he represented he would quit the practice of law until his addiction was overcome but failed to do so; misrepresented himself to clients and to the hearing panel; failed to attend the hearing on a disciplinary matter; and failed to cooperate and communicate with the attorney who represented him at the hearing.



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