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In the
United States Court of Appeals
For the Eleventh Circuit

No. 22-1001

IN THE MATTER OF:

WILLIAM JOSEPH TURNER

Disciplinary Proceeding Pursuant to the
Rules Governing Attorney Discipline in the
United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit

ORDER OF PUBLIC REPRIMAND

Before WILLIAM PRYOR, Chief Judge, and WILSON, JORDAN, and
ROSENBAUM, Circuit Judges.

BY THE COURT:

This disciplinary matter was referred to the Georgia Investigative Panel of the Committee on Lawyer Qualifications and Conduct, which has submitted its report and recommendation. The Committee considered William Joseph Turner's conduct in three unrelated appeals: *United States v. Keeo Miller*, no. 20-10194, *United States v. Jamesetta Whipple-Duncan*, no. 22-11806, and *United States v. Donnie Edmonds*, no. 23-10333. The Panel reviewed the Chief Judge's March 24, 2022, and September 6, 2022, orders to show cause, issued in the instant disciplinary matter, regarding Turner's conduct in appeal nos. 20-10194 and 22-11806, respectively. The orders to show cause addressed Turner's dilatory conduct, his failure to comply with the Court's orders and rules, and his failure to respond to the Clerk's multiple deficiency notices. The Panel also reviewed Turner's responses to the orders to show cause and on October 9, 2023, it conducted a hearing with Turner regarding these matters.

In its report and recommendation, the Panel stated that "Turner provided forthright explanations for his conduct" but that counsel's actions were "inexcusable and warrant some degree of discipline." The Panel recommended, as permitted by Rule 1.B. of Addendum Eight, that Turner be publicly reprimanded and that counsel pay the court reporter's transcription costs. Turner has acknowledged that his conduct was inappropriate and has agreed that he should be publicly reprimanded. He has waived his right to

a hearing before the Committee and has paid the transcription costs.

The Panel's recommendations are accepted and implemented by this Order.

Attorney Turner is hereby **PUBLICLY REPRIMANDED** and **ADMONISHED** not to commit future transgressions of this type.

Under Rules 13.C. and 13.D. of Addendum Eight, the Clerk shall transmit a copy of this order to the State Bars and U.S. District Courts within the Circuit and the National Discipline Data Bank of the American Bar Association. The Clerk is hereby directed to post a copy of this order on the Court's website.