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JACK W. RICHENDOLLAR

MOVANT

V.

IN SUPREME COURT

KENTUCKY BAR ASSOCIATION

RESPONDENT

OPINION AND ORDER

Movant, Jack W. Richendollar, whose last known address is 206-A 28th Street, Catlettsburg, Kentucky, desires to terminate Kentucky Bar Association proceedings against him by consenting to a suspension from the practice of law pursuant to SCR 3.480(3). Specifically, he moves that he be suspended for three years or until such time that his term of probation expires in a criminal matter, his involvement in which resulted in his automatic suspension. The KBA has no objection to the motion for termination of proceedings.

On March 8, 2001, Richendollar pled guilty to Count I of a federal indictment charging him with knowingly and intentionally possessing with intent to distribute a mixture or substance containing a **detectible** amount of cocaine in violation of Title 21, U.S.C. § 841(a)(1) and Title 21, U.S.C. § 846, a felony. Pursuant to SCR 3.166(1), we entered an order of indefinite suspension on May 24, 2001. Kentucky Bar Association

v. Richendollar, Ky., 44 S.W.3d 375 (2001). This suspension superseded the automatic suspension that was put in place when Richendollar entered his guilty plea on March 8, 2001. Id.

Based upon the foregoing, it is ordered that:

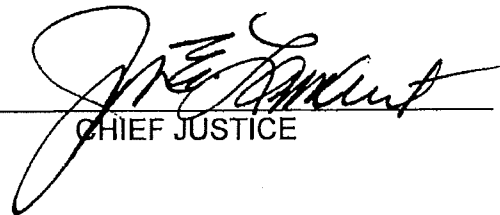
1. Movant, Jack W. Richendollar, is hereby suspended from the practice of law in the Commonwealth of Kentucky for a period of three (3) years or until his term of probation expires, whichever is later in time, effective from March 8, 2001, the date on which Richendollar's automatic suspension began. The suspension shall continue until such time as Richendollar is reinstated to the practice of law by order of this Court pursuant to SCR 3.510, or any controlling amendment to SCR 3.510.

2. In accordance with SCR 3.450, Richendollar is directed to pay all costs associated with these disciplinary proceedings against him, said sum being \$13.19, and for which execution may issue from this Court upon finality of this Opinion and Order.

3. Pursuant to SCR 3.390, Richendollar shall, within ten (10) days from the entry of this order, notify all clients in writing of his inability to represent them, and notify all courts in which he has matters pending of his suspension from the practice of law, and furnish copies of said letters of notice to the Director of the Kentucky Bar Association.

All concur.

Entered: November 21, 2001.


CHIEF JUSTICE

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DATE 6-5-2001 *H. H. D.C.*

KENTUCKY BAR ASSOCIATION

COMPLAINANT

V.

IN SUPREME COURT

JACK WILBUR RICHENDOLLAR

RESPONDENT

ORDER OF SUSPENSION

Jack Wilbur Richendollar of Catlettsburg, Kentucky entered a plea of guilty to Count I of a federal indictment charging him with knowingly and intentionally possessing with intent to distribute a mixture or substance containing a **detectible** amount of cocaine in violation of Title 21, U.S.C. §841 (a)(1) and Title 21, U.S.C. §846, a felony.


SCR 3.166(1) provides in part that any member of the Kentucky Bar Association who pleads guilty to a felony as defined by KRS 500.080 shall be automatically suspended from the practice of law. The suspension shall take effect automatically beginning on the day following the plea of guilt or a finding of guilt by a judge or jury or upon the entry of a judgment, whichever occurs first. Richendollar was suspended from the practice of law effective March 8, 2001, the day following his entry of a guilty plea to the felony. This suspension shall remain in effect until dissolved or superseded by further order of this Court.

Pursuant to SCR 3.166, Richendollar shall notify all his clients in writing of his inability to continue to represent them and shall furnish copies of all such letters to the Director of the Kentucky Bar Association. He must also make arrangements to return all active files to his clients or new counsel, to return all unearned attorney fees and client property to his clients and he shall advise the Director of such arrangements within ten days.

Disciplinary proceedings against Richendollar shall be initiated by the Inquiry Tribunal pursuant to SCR 3.160 unless already begun or unless he resigns under terms of disbarment.

All concur.

ENTERED: MAY 24, 2001



CHIEF JUSTICE