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September 16, 2015

**OFFICE OF  
APPELLATE COURTS**

STATE OF MINNESOTA

IN SUPREME COURT

A15-0682

In re Petition for Disciplinary Action against  
Pamela L. Green, a Minnesota Attorney,  
Registration No. 0037369.

**ORDER**

The Director of the Office of Lawyers Professional Responsibility filed a petition for disciplinary action alleging that respondent Pamela L. Green committed professional misconduct warranting public discipline. The petition alleges that respondent misappropriated approximately \$160,000 in client funds from a vulnerable client who was suffering from dementia and engaged in fraudulent billing practices related to the client funds she wrongfully paid herself, in violation of Minn. R. Prof. Conduct 8.4(c). The petition also alleges that respondent engaged in fraudulent conduct with respect to a life insurance policy of the same vulnerable client, including changing the ownership of the policy to herself without the client's consent, taking out a \$226,000 loan against the life insurance policy, and misappropriating client funds to repay the loan and the life insurance policy premiums, in violation of Minn. R. Prof. Conduct 1.7(a)(2), 1.7(b)(4), 1.8(a), and 8.4(c).

The Director filed a petition for temporary suspension, alleging that the continuation of respondent's authority to practice law poses a substantial threat of serious

harm to the public. *See* Rule 16, Rules on Lawyers Professional Responsibility (RLPR). Respondent has entered into a stipulation with the Director in which they jointly recommend that respondent be temporarily suspended pending final determination of this disciplinary matter. Respondent waives her right to oral argument before this court on the question of her temporary suspension. The stipulation also indicates that respondent is currently the subject of a criminal investigation and that the misconduct alleged in the petition for disciplinary action is substantially the same conduct that is the subject of the pending criminal investigation. The parties further recommend that this disciplinary matter be stayed pending a resolution of respondent's criminal proceedings.

This court has independently reviewed the file and approves the jointly recommended disposition.

Based upon all the files, records, and proceedings therein,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

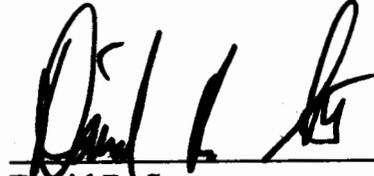
1. Respondent Pamela L. Green is temporarily suspended from the practice of law as of the date of the filing of this order pending final resolution of the disciplinary proceedings in this matter;
2. The disciplinary proceedings in this matter shall be stayed until: (1) respondent is charged with a criminal offense related to the allegations in the petition for disciplinary action and is then convicted of such an offense, a finding of not guilty is entered, or the charges are dismissed; (2) the statute of limitations for criminal conduct

related to the allegations in the petition for disciplinary action expires; or (3) further order of the court, whichever occurs first; and

3. Respondent shall comply with Rule 26, RLPR (requiring notice of suspension to clients, opposing counsel, and tribunals).

Dated: September 16, 2015

BY THE COURT:



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David R. Stras  
Associate Justice