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STATE OF MINNESOTA
IN SUPREME COURT
C9-91-2356

In Re the Petition for Disciplinary Action
against Wallace Gustafson, an Attorney at
Law of the State of Minnesota.

ORDER

WHEREAS, by petition for disciplinary action dated November 15, 1991, the Director of the Office of Lawyers Professional Responsibility charged respondent Wallace Gustafson with professional misconduct; and

WHEREAS, after respondent interposed an answer to the petition, this court appointed a referee to hear the evidence and make a report of his findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendation; and

WHEREAS, on May 1, 1992, the referee recommended to this court that this court disbar respondent from the practice of law; and

WHEREAS, Rule 16(e), Rules on Lawyers Professional Responsibility, provides that, "[u]pon a referee disbarment recommendation, the lawyer's authority to practice law shall be suspended pending final determination of the disciplinary proceeding unless the referee directs otherwise or the Court orders otherwise"; and

WHEREAS, the Director has requested that this court suspend respondent from the practice of law pending this court's final determination in this disciplinary proceeding; and

WHEREAS, respondent has filed a motion in opposition to the Director's request for an interim suspension or, in the alternative, requests that any such suspension be delayed for 120 days;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. That, effective immediately, respondent Wallace Gustafson is suspended from the practice of law pending a final determination of this disciplinary proceeding against him, except that respondent may complete the limited work in progress for the townships of Harrison, Minnewaska, Kasota, and Springfield described by respondent in his May 4, 1992, affidavit to this court.

2. That, within 10 days of the date of this order, respondent shall notify each of his clients of his inability to continue representation of the client and otherwise shall comply with the provisions of Rule 26, Rules on Lawyers Professional Responsibility. With regard to those clients described in respondent's May 4, 1992, affidavit to this court, respondent shall notify those clients of his inability to perform any work in addition to that described in the May 4, 1992, affidavit.

Dated: *May 14, 1992*

BY THE COURT:



A.M. Keith
Chief Justice