

No. Sp.

Supreme Court

Per Curiam

In re Application for the Discipline of  
Emanuel Z. Kopstein, an Attorney at Law  
of the State of Minnesota.

Endorsed  
Filed November 15, 1974  
John McCarthy, Clerk  
Minnesota Supreme Court

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Considered and decided by the court without oral argument.

O P I N I O N

PER CURIAM.

A petition was filed on June 20, 1974, by the administrative director on professional conduct charging respondent, Emanuel Z. Kopstein, with having embezzled funds from a law firm while he was an associate of that firm. Respondent filed an answer admitting the allegations of the petition, stating that full restitution had been made, and alleging certain facts in mitigation and extenuation. Thereafter, the administrative director, respondent, and respondent's counsel entered into a stipulation wherein, among other things, respondent admits the truth of the allegations in the petition and agrees to petitioner's request that respondent be suspended from the practice of law in Minnesota for a period of 3 years and that immediately following said suspension respondent be placed on probation for 3 more years under conditions then to be imposed by the court.

Respondent is 31 years of age and, since June 3, 1968, has been licensed to practice law in the State of Minnesota. From that date until on or about December 20, 1972, when he removed to the State of California where he now resides, respondent practiced his profession in the city of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Petitioner states to the court that he has made a thorough investigation into the personal habits and professional conduct of respondent,

that respondent is a lawyer of ability, that his personal life is beyond reproach, that his conduct was occasioned in part by the press of financial obligations being felt by him and his family and in part by his inexperience in private practice, and that it is unlikely that such misconduct will again occur.

Respondent, by the stipulation entered into, agrees for the purpose of this proceeding that the facts contained in the allegations of the petition filed herein are admitted and that such facts have the same force and effect as if they were found by a referee of the supreme court after hearing.

Given the stipulation before us, respondent is suspended from the practice of law before the courts of this state for a period of 3 years from the date of this opinion. Furthermore, immediately following the period of suspension, respondent is placed on probation for 3 more years under conditions then to be imposed by this court.