

STATE OF MINNESOTA
IN SUPREME COURT
C8-87-2120

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In Re Petition for Disciplinary Action
against Geoffrey B. Larson, an Attorney
at Law of the State of Minnesota.

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ORDER

LAWYERS PROF. RESP. BOARD

The Director of Lawyers Professional Responsibility filed with this court a petition alleging that the respondent, Geoffrey B. Larson, had misappropriated substantial sums of money from an elderly relative while acting under a power of attorney by using his ward's funds for his own personal living expenses. Following the filing of respondent's answer to the complaint, the respondent and the Director entered into a stipulation wherein the respondent consented to a temporary suspension from the practice of law during the pendency of these proceedings. Since December 4, 1987, a temporary suspension order has been in effect. Subsequently, the Honorable Harlan L. Nelson, Judge of the District Court, was appointed referee to make findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendations to this court. His findings, conclusions and recommendations were filed with this court on September 2, 1988. The referee found that the allegations of the petition were essentially true and concluded they warranted professional discipline. He recommended disbarment. The Director and the respondent, represented by counsel, concurred in the findings and recommendation. Our examination of the petition, the files and records, and the findings and conclusions of the referee leads us to modify the referee's recommendation.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

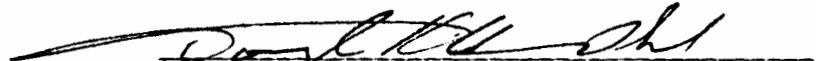
1. The respondent Geoffrey B. Larson is hereby indefinitely suspended from the

practice of law.

2. That respondent may not petition for reinstatement to the practice of law pursuant to Rule 18, Rules on Lawyers Professional Responsibility (RLPR), prior to one year from the date respondent has made full restitution of \$31,202.72 to the Estate of Ebba Rosen and/or to the public agency which has paid for Ebba Rosen's care after July 1987 until her death.

Dated this 15th day of December, 1988.

BY THE COURT:


Douglas W. Amdahl, Chief Justice